GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT:
Compliments William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary.

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OF CONNECTICUT

I. O. O. F.

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Henry C. Stevenson,
Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Annual Session, 1915

Odd Fellows Hall, Bridgeport, Conn., May 19, 1915.

In accordance with its Constitution, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut convened this day, at ten o'clock, in annual session. The Grand Master having called the Grand Lodge to order, the Grand Secretary called the roll of officers and Lodges. The following were found to be present:

HENRY C. STEVENSON, *Grand Master*.....Bridgeport
R. T. W. ADAMS, *Deputy Grand Master*.....Naugatuck
F. HENRY MONROE, *Grand Warden*.....New Haven
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary*.....New Haven
SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, *Grand Treasurer*.....Bridgeport
PHILIP POND, *Senior Grand Representative*.....New Haven
FRANK E. ROYS, *Junior Grand Representative*.....Winsted
GEORGE M. CHAPMAN, *Grand Marshal*.....Waterbury
HARRY HIRSCH, *Grand Conductor*.....Norwich
WILLIAM T. MEYER, *Grand Guardian*.....Bridgeport
REV. CHARLES H. SMITH, *Grand Chaplain*.....Barre, Mass.
FRANK W. WHITON, *Grand Herald*.....Hartford

And Representatives from 84 Lodges.

Also the following Past Grand Masters:

E. G. HILL.....*Norwalk*
CHARLES B. WARE.....*Hartford*
WILLIAM H. MARIGOLD.....*Bridgeport*

DAVID R. ALLING.....*New Haven*
FRANK R. UPSON.....*Southington*
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD.....*Hartford*
WILLIAM E. THOMS.....*Waterbury*
FREDERIC C. BURROWS.....*New London*

The Grand Master invited the Grand Chaplain to offer prayer. The Grand Chaplain prayed as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we look to Thee as we begin our Grand Lodge session for that wisdom, and direction and guidance which we need in all our deliberations and in all the business of this day. We thank Thee for the effulgent glory of the morning sunshine, for the tender watch, care and love which has kept us all the year; for the abundant opportunities of ministry to our brothers and sisters, and for those great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth which have helped us in the upbuilding of human character. Guide us now by Thine unerring counsels, we beseech Thee. May all that is said and done this day be for Thy glory and for the good of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. Bless all the officers of this Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges. Keep from all harm our noble Grand Sire in his journeys from us. May Thy favor rest upon him and upon those who are associated with him.

We pray for our commonwealth, our common country, and the nations of the world. Keep us from strife and hatred and ill will and revenge. And may that glorious morning soon dawn when all men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and learn war no more.

Bless our homes, our Lodges and our communities from whence we come. And help us all, inspired by the principles of our great Order, to act the manly part, to do our duty to God and our fellowmen. We ask all these things with the forgiveness of our sins in His name who taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Grand Master then directed the Deputy Grand Master to declare the Grand Lodge of Connecticut open for such business as may be lawfully brought before it.

The Grand Master appointed as a Committee on Courtesies, Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., of No. 75; Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., of No. 2; William E. Thoms, P.G.M., of No. 21.

Charles B. Ware, P.G.M., of No. 55, was appointed to fill the vacancy on Committee on State of the Order, Loren Davis, P.G., of No. 31, deceased.

Philip Pond, P.G.M., of No. 5; Frank E. Roys, P.G.M., of No. 30; Charles R. Hathaway, P.G., of No. 31, were appointed to fill vacancies on Committee on Legislation, Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., of No. 33; Marshall I. Smith, P.G.P., of No. 59; Clinton C. Roraback, P.G., of No. 50, being absent.

George M. Eagan, P.G., of No. 21, was appointed to fill vacancy on Committee on Correspondence, Leonard M. Fairbanks, of No. 14, being absent.

Marion R. Davis, P.G., of No. 17; H. M. Bradley, Jr., P.G., of No. 6, were appointed to fill vacancies on Committee on Stationery and Printing, William H. Mills, P.G., of No. 30; W. J. Platt, P.G., of No. 41, being absent.

Egbert N. Fuller, P.G.P., of No. 68; Wallace R. Johnson, P.G., of No. 85, were appointed to fill vacancies on Committee on Necrology, Joseph H. Hawley, P.G.M., of No. 18; Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., of No. 6, being absent.

G. Herbert Peck, P.G.P., of No. 93; Karl L. Winter, P.G.P., of No. 89, were appointed to fill vacancies on Committee on Place of Meeting, Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., of No. 6; Charles B. Moore, P.G., of No. 30, being absent.

Charles J. Fowler, P.G., of No. 56; William H. Huntley, P.G., of No. 36, were appointed to fill vacancies on Committee on Transportation, Daniel D. Cox, P.G., of No. 64; E. L. Simpson, P.G., of No. 56, being absent.

Clifford H. Mallette, P.G., of No. 63, was appointed to fill vacancy on Committee on Unfinished Business, William Muir, P.G., of No. 42, being absent.

A. H. Dresser, P.G., of No. 74, was appointed to fill vacancy on Rebekah Committee, E. B. Worthington, P.G., of No. 11, being absent.

On motion the appointments of the Grand Master on Committees and to fill vacancies were approved.

On motion of Representative Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the Journal of last session approved as printed.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following from the Rebekah State Assembly, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, same being adopted at the annual session held in Waterbury, April 21, 1915:

WATERBURY, CONN., April 21, 1915.

Resolved, That this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to grant the power to the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, to appoint the Deputies for the Rebekah Lodges.

WATERBURY, CONN., April 21, 1915.

Resolved, That this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to levy a per capita tax of eight cents per member for the year 1915.

On motion the same was referred to the Rebekah Committee.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Grand Secretary is pleased to present the petition of the following-named sisters and brothers: Wallace A. Smith, Florence V. Williams, Ruth C. Smith, Mary E. Lovett, Adelaide C. Woodill, Elsie A. Andrews, Hattie F. Cohen, Walter H. Woodill, Charles W. Andrews, Charles E. Lovett, Fred H. Williams, Jacob Cohen, Ernest E. Nobles, Ida Chamberlain, Elmer M. Young, accompanied with their withdrawal cards, for the privilege of instituting a Rebekah Lodge to be located at Willimantic, Conn., to be known and hailed by the title of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., the institution to take place Tuesday, June 8, 1915. This petition is also accompanied by a petition signed by fifty-five persons qualified to take the Rebekah Degree in said Lodge on the night of the institution.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New York, was read by the Grand Secretary:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF NEW YORK.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 14, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut.

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:—Brother H. L. French, Past Grand, a member of Irving Lodge, No. 545, I. O. O. F., of Port Chester, New York, is desirous of obtaining the Grand Lodge Degree.

Brother French served as Noble Grand for term ending December 31, 1890.

Kindly confer the Grand Lodge Degree on him at your next annual session upon presentation of this request and proof of identity and good standing, and oblige,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

THOS. W. McKNIGHT, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

HARRY WALKER, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The following communications were read by the Grand Secretary:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF OHIO.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 25, 1914.

William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary,
New Haven, Conn.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—After the final auditing of the accounts of the Flood Funds, received by Grand Master Goodrich and myself, during the terrible disaster of last year, by a committee of our Grand Lodge, there was found to be an unexpended balance in the hands of Brother Goodrich of $2,719.18, and that I had received, since the last auditing of the books, the sum of $410.14, which is still in my hands. Brother Goodrich having remitted to me the balance found to be in his hands, there is now an undistributed total of $3,189.32. By resolution of our Grand Lodge, adopted at its recent session, I was instructed to return, pro rata, to the donors thereof, this unexpended balance. In accordance with those instructions I am enclosing herewith a check for $94.40, being the amount due your Grand Lodge from the sum above mentioned, for which please return enclosed receipt.

I take this opportunity of expressing to you and through you to those who so materially aided us in our great trouble, our gratitude, and with our best wishes for your future welfare, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. H. LYMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF INDIANA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 15, 1914.

Mr. Wm. S. Hutchison,
Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F.,
New Haven, Conn.

DEAR BROTHER:—For the relief of flood sufferers of Indiana in 1913, the several Jurisdictions contributed a total amount of $14,598.95. Of this amount all but $909.15 was distributed among these sufferers.

We consider it but just that the amount not expended should be returned pro rata, and I therefore enclose you check for $9.35.

I assure you of our deepest appreciation for your assistance in our great affliction.

Fraternally,

W. H. LEEDY, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion the communications were referred to the Committee on Finance.

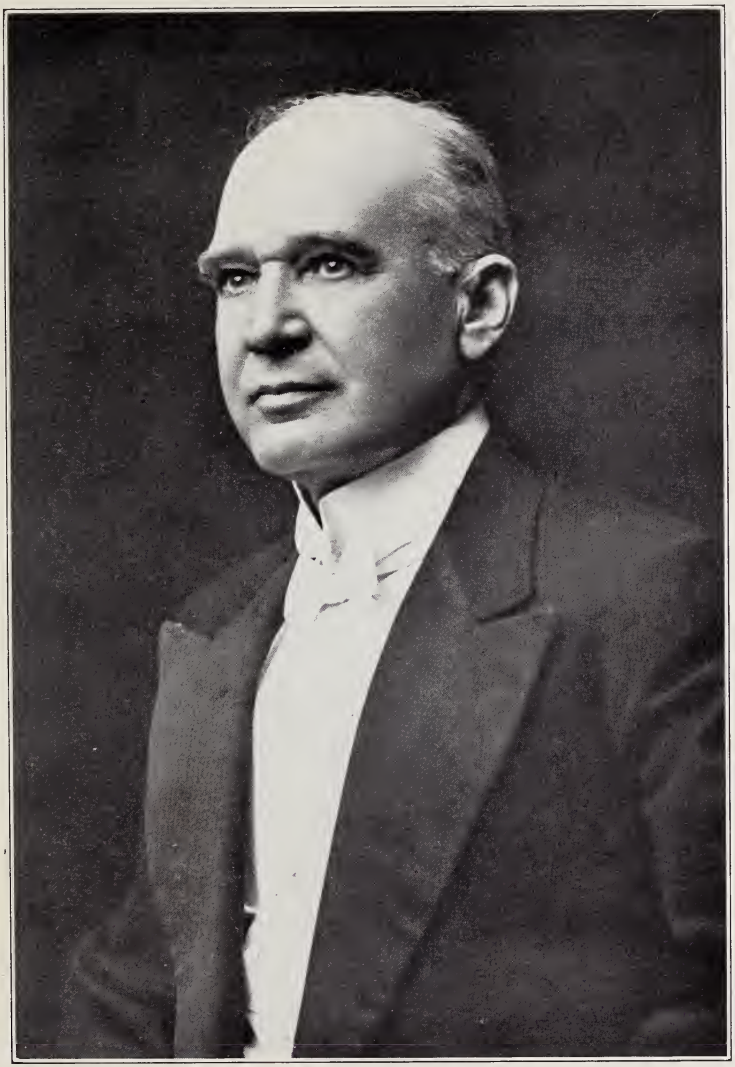
The Grand Sire, Hon. Robert T. Daniel, of Griffin, Georgia, and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions who were present by invitation of the Grand Master, were reported in the ante-room.

The Grand Master appointed Grand Representatives Frank E. Roys and Frank M. Canfield as a committee to introduce the invited guests.

The committee retired to the ante-room and returned with the Hon. Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who was received with the honors of the Order, given a royal welcome, and invited to a seat on the platform.

The committee again retired and returned with Alfred S. Pinkerton, Past Grand Sire, Grand Treasurer; James Bennett, Grand Master, and William M. Webber, Grand Instructor, of Massachusetts; Harry Walker, Grand Secretary, of New York; Walter Tripp, Grand Master; Frank L. Way, Grand Secretary, of New Hampshire; George Bechtold, Grand Master; Benjamin C. Lippincott, Grand Chaplain, of New Jersey.

They were received with the honors of the Order and invited to seats on the platform.



HON. ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Grand Sire.*

Our Guest May 19-20, 1915.
Died at Fitzgerald, Georgia,
May 27, 1915.

The Grand Master appointed Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., and ex-Mayor of Bridgeport, a committee to retire and introduce the Hon. Clifford B. Wilson, Mayor of the city of Bridgeport and Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut. Representative Reynolds returned with the Mayor, who was given a hearty reception by the Representatives.

The Grand Master called on the Mayor, who is a neat speech welcomed the invited guests and Representatives, giving them the freedom of the city.

The Grand Master responded, thanking the Mayor, and stating that it was unnecessary to adjourn or close the Grand Lodge to welcome the Mayor, as he was a Past Grand of Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., Bridgeport.

The Grand Sire, having to leave to take an early train, the Grand Master called on him to address the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire delivered an eloquent address, the keynote being "service," the same being listened to in rapt attention by the Representatives, and the hearty applause showed that the address of our Grand Sire was deeply appreciated.

Representative J. M. Chaffee, P.G., of Adelphian Lodge, No. 80, presented to the Grand Sire, in behalf of the local Improved Order of Red Men, a beautiful basket of flowers, Brother Daniel having held the highest office in the gift of that Order. The gift was accepted by the Grand Sire in his usual happy manner.

The Grand Lodge was then called up, and the Grand Sire retired to take his train to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania.

The visit of our beloved Grand Sire, Robert T. Daniel, will always be remembered with much pleasure by those permitted to be present at the session.

Representative M. L. Reynolds presented to the Grand Master, in behalf of Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F. (of which the Grand Master is a member), a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The gift was accepted by the Grand Master with many thanks to the good sisters of his Rebekah Lodge.

The Grand Master called on George Bechtold, Grand Master, of New Jersey, to address the Grand Body, as he also had to leave to take an early train. The Representatives enjoyed the address of Grand Master Bechtold very much.

Hon. E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master of Connecticut, was reported in the ante-room.

The Grand Master appointed Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., and Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., a committee to retire and introduce Brother Hill.

The committee returned with our Senior Past Grand Master, who was given a hearty reception by the Representatives.

Representative Harry H. Pritchard, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVESS—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we have examined the certificates of the following Past Grands and find that they have been elected to represent their respective Lodges for the current year:

OLD MEMBERS.

Quinnipiac, No. 1.—B. B. MacFarland, Frederick F. Clark, John F. Martin, George D. Stevens, D. R. Alling.

Charter Oak, No. 2.—Arthur Lewis, W. H. Wilson, Charles S. Otis, William T. Hayden, Arthur H. Green, G. U. Kierstead.

Pequonnock, No. 4.—W. L. Schneider, J. T. Haviland, S. McKenna, F. E. Blake, Earl Haviland, Howard A. Hubbell, James F. Crudginton, Joseph H. Wordin, George H. Zumstag, Henry C. Stevenson, H. H. Pritchard, T. H. Berg, W. H. Marigold, B. F. Bulkeley, Jr, F. M. Canfield, E. H. Burt, F. A. Hubbell, N. E. Wedge, M. L. Reynolds, C. B. Wilson, S. J. Williams.

Harmony, No. 5.—A. Midas, Walter Pond, Samuel T. Whittlesey, Philip Pond, John P. Forbes.

Ousatonic, No. 6.—William B. Boardman, Theodore Perry, Edwin Hallock, W. H. Warner, H. M. Bradley, Jr., M. J. Bailey, Charles E. Beardsley, D. W. Boyd, Oscar L. Beardsley, O. W. Lewis.

Samaritan, No. 7.—Henry H. Durgy, George C. Reid, George S. Stevens, William C. Gilbert, V. M. King.

Empire, No. 8.—John B. Loughlin.

Our Brothers, No. 10.—Nelson W. Benedict, W. F. Hubbell, H. A. Smith, Charles E. Kellogg, William Ahrens, E. L. Street, Thomas S. Murray.

Uncas, No. 11.—John W. Spicer, George A. Burlingham, Frank E. Green, Harry Hirsch.

Central, No. 12.—Henry C. F. Howell, James G. Baldwin.

Tycho Brahe, No. 13.—Niels Nielsen, M. Larsen, W. C. Christensen, H. M. Jorgenson, J. J. Nielsen.

Wopowage, No. 14.—Willis R. Putney.

Montewese, No. 15.—R. M. Kirck, E. M. Parker, H. L. Hubbard.

Niantic, No. 17.—Charles E, Beebe, C. R. Tubbs, Charles E. Gates, M. R. Davis.

Progressive, No. 18.—Le Roy Jackson, H. S. Rice, Ernest W. Bailey, Howard Seymour, Ira R. Wildman, F. G. Hawley, A. G. Ising, F. H. Hoddinott, A. M. Fuller.

Fenwick, No. 20.—Jesse W. Halliday, Charles H. Gear.

Nosahogan, No. 21.—H. J. Phillips, George M. Eagan.

Palisado, No. 23.—Frank O'Brien.

Rippowam, No. 24.—Harry W. Scofield, O. J. Hughes, William J. Berges, W. C. Palmer.

Crescent, No. 25.—Charles O. Johnson.

Stonington, No. 26.—A. O. Lewis, L. J. Hermes.

Hancock, No. 28.—John Collinson, William H. Nankervis.

Reliance, No. 29.—Daniel A. Bothwell.

Clifton, No. 30.—Frank E. Roys.

King David, No. 31.—Charles R. Hathaway, William S. Hutchison, A. H. Simonson.

Israel Putnam, No. 33.—Charles E. Richardson, Fred. D. Card.

Portland, No. 35.—Robert L. Markham, Gale T. Lloyd, M. Connell.

City, No. 36.—William H. Huntley, H. B. Bezanson, George B. Close, N. F. Green, S. R. Smith

Wooster, No. 37.—Herbert L. Scofield, George W. Duryea.

Monitor, No. 38.—O. L. Johnson, A. B. Lindmark, P. E. Wellner, C. A. Swanson, A. J. Sandstrom, Carl Johnson, J. A. Zielfeldt, J. A. Stenquist, Gust. W. Ackerlow.

Croswell, No. 39.—Arthur J. Willard.

Svea, No. 40.—Louis Nordstrom, William Ohlson.

Arcanum, No. 41.—Orville Rector, Howard S. West, Ward M. Van Ness, Fred. Van Ness, Edward M. Parker, Daniel S. Benedict, Edward W. Nichols, James H. Eatough, Joseph H. Rowland, George E. Curtiss, E. D. Rose, Fred. Jeralds, George E. Mills, William J. Platt, George A. Bramann, Samuel Vanstone, Loren Follett, William W. Robinson, L. D. Stewart, Samuel W. Hubbell, Frank Heilmann, L. H. Vanstone.

Franklin, No. 42.—William Park, Charles H. Smith.

Puritan, No. 43.—W. H. Ritch.

Pilgrim, No. 46.—E. F. Brown, Fred. J. Walker, Jesse F. Benedict, Cleveland Bassett, Frank Wilson.

Andree, No. 47.—Charles Gullberg.

Pequabock, No. 48.—E. R. Woodard, George Lawley.

Rising Star, No. 49.—A. T. Dickenson.

Ridgely, No. 51.—Daniel McDougall, A. F. Butler, F. S. Cogswell, A. E. Guildford, J. H. Seaton.

Phenix, No. 52.—Edward B. Beach, A. F. Spencer, A. E. Hurlbut, R. H. Russell.

Elm, No. 53.—H. A. Clough, F. W. Porter.

Mohegan, No. 55.—William Crawford, J. B. Collins, Charles L. Maxson, Charles W. Phillips, Samuel Prince, Charles B. Ware.

Friendship, No. 56.—E. L. Simpson, H. H. Woodward, Charles J. Fowler.

Stephen Terry, No. 59.—R. C. Pease, C. N. Mallory, A. E. Whittier, John H. Dieter.

Menuncatuck, No. 62.—C. E. Lewis.

Naugatuck, No. 63.—C. H. Mallette, H. P. Goodwin.

Good Shepherd, No. 65.—Elmer Hagstrom, Charles D. Pulver, Frank E. Rowe, S. H. Morgan, Charles H. Hartwell, Howard C. Conkrite, James E. Mullins.

John Ericsson, No. 67.—Gustav Hallstrom, Charles J. Svenson, William Padmore.

Meriden Center, No. 68.—E. N. Fuller.

Lexington, No. 72.—E. M. Jones, W. W. Bullen, Charles Templeman, Walter Williams.

Mechanics, No. 73.—F. L. Smith.

Sequassen, No. 74.—A. H. Dresser, F. G. Osborn, A. D. Cady.

Eureka, No. 75.—R. D. Walker, Frank R. Upson.

Polar Star, No. 77.—Henry Vaulkenburg, Edward F. Sharples.

Germania, No. 78.—Charles J. Henze, Frank Brautlecht, Thilo Failer.

Adelphian, No. 80.—Joel T. Wooster, H. F. Hotchkiss, A. V. Hartley, J. C. Iverson, C. O. Sniffin, G. A. Drew, J. McAleesec, H. Blair, H. Dorkin, J. M. Chaffee, I. P. Turney, E. B. Ives, F. A. Wolfram, S. G. Goodsell, C. E. Brower.

Hartford, No. 82.—M. A. Worthington, W. E. Hammer, Joseph W. Collins.

Steuben, No. 83.—Charles Henss, Anton Postizzi.

Pequot, No. 85.—Hiram Lewis, Wallace R. Johnson, J. A. Koch, F. C. Burrows.

Relief, No. 86.—William H. Good, F. Henry Monroe, Jens S. Neilson, B. R. Cowan.

Pacific, No. 87.—L. C. Brown, James W. Gregory, E. G. King.

Townsend, No. 89.—Karl L. Winter, George M. Chapman, Thomas R. Taylor.

Oronoque, No. 90.—A. E. Cranson, J. P. Quire, M. Le Roy Beach, A. J. Dimond, E. H. Pitzer, F. W. Wilcoxson, Howard Hoadley, James A. Mallett, W. E. Middlebrook, C. E. Curtiss, C. H. Mills, H. L. Hunt, J. P. Hale.

Humboldt, No. 91.—Conrad Rabanus, Louis Wass, Ernest Voos, Paul Steinbach, R. C. Henze, Joseph Brautigam.

Connecticut, No. 93.—G. Herbert Peck, William A. Reed, F. W. Whiton, James E. Officer, George P. Harvey.

Lessing, No. 94.—B. Miller, Charles Bauer, Adam Schempp, Chris. Schwarz, Adam Schulz, Charles Sachs, Fred Mereelig, Peter Weltner, H. Lieberman, George Henninger, W. Henninger, M. Neuert, Joseph Steinmetz.

Teutonia, No. 95.—George H. Rudolph.

Gerstaecker, No. 96.—A. J. Steiner, William Ziegler, Gustav Winger.

Butler, No. 97.—D. Burr Beach, C. A. Fallon, C. A. Brown, C. E. Crofoot, R. G. Acton, J. Melvin Hill, A. L. Benedict, William Podmore.

Beethoven, No. 98.—Theodore Kassenbrook.

Samuel H. Harris, No. 99.—F. W. Crowther, F. M. Card, William Eberling, William Croker, Floyd A. Fox, Floyd House, D. M. Allen, C. Fargo, George L. Thayer, Charles Munich, W. F. Wells, Harry Fitzroy, William Faubel, H. M. Booth, A. R. Roswell, Wilbur F. San-

ford, C. W. Drew, James Phillips, G. A. Murphy, Dorr R. Whitney, S. W. Challenger, Louis Wood, Gilbert Knox.

Centennial, No. 100.—John Stevenson, William C. Painter, Sr., Robert T. W. Adams, George L. Parker, A. H. Eagan, A. E. Peck, B. E. Owens.

Fairview, No. 101.—H. L. White, B. O. Fowler.

Number of old members, 334.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. PRITCHARD,
H. M. BOOTH,
ORVILLE RECTOR,
Committee on Credentials.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Harry H. Pritchard, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following Past Grands in waiting for the Grand Lodge Degree. We recommend that the degree be conferred on them and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Body:

NEW MEMBERS.

Quinnipiac, No. 1.—Earle T. Brown.

Charter Oak, No. 2.—W. E. Chapin, Clarence B. Coe.

Pequonnock, No. 4.—Arthur M. Comley.

Harmony, No. 5.—Harry B. Smith.

Samaritan, No. 7.—P. F. Lynch, August Schulze, William F. Beardsley.

Empire, No. 8.—George Slosson.

L. A. Thomas, No. 9.—R. B. Owen.

Our Brothers, No. 10.—H. S. Brown, Irving H. Reed, P. D. Stannard, Charles A. Cronke, St. John Merrill, Charles E. Hoyt.

Uncas, No. 11.—D. L. Browning, Ernest K. Manning.

Central, No. 12.—Thomas Eckersley.

Tycho Brahe, No. 13.—Carl Frederiksen, Ferdinand Thomsen.

Wopowage, No. 14.—George M. Camp, Arthur Butlin.

Montewese, No. 15.—Louis Greenwald.

Obwebetuck, No. 16.—Elmer M. Young.

Niantic, No. 17.—I. D. S. Ehuler, William N. Tubbs.

Protection, No. 19.—Turner E. Green.

Fenwick, No. 20.—Herbert D. Robinson, Harry J. Carter.

Nosahogan, No. 21.—George A. Smith.

Palisado, No. 23.—Benjamin S. Carter.

Rippowam, No. 24.—Robert L. Weed, George Van Wagenen, Ludlow C. Chard.

Crescent, No. 25.—George P. West, T. Benjamin Bowne.

Stonington, No. 26.—Henry Laukes, Edgar C. Williams.

Shetucket, No. 27.—H. A. Lyter.

Hancock, No. 28.—George S. Stratton, Frank Schamrock.

Reliance, No. 29.—W. Scott Roode.
Clifton, No. 30.—Allyn I. Edgecomb, E. G. Burdett.
King David, No. 31.—George Clark, H. M. Norton.
Israel Putnam, No. 33.—Walter Turner.
City, No. 36.—Herbert W. Hope, Amasa L. Doolittle.
Wooster, No. 37.—Alexander McKendrick.
Monitor, No. 38.—Sigfred Johnson, Martin Nelson.
Croswell, No. 39.—Miles H. Sperry.
Svea, No. 40.—Nils Hansson.
Arcanum, No. 41.—John Roberts, Herbert D. Rose, Arthur R. French.
Puritan, No. 43.—Albert F. Stevens, Arthur F. Stevens.
Scandia, No. 44.—Carl B. Carlberg, Harold Olson.
Pilgrim, No. 46.—Fleetwood Carlson.
Andree, No. 47.—Alfred Olson, John R. Peterson.
Pequabock, No. 48.—Henry A. Tibbal, Harry Bonnay.
Canaan, No. 50.—Howard S. Lathrop.
Ridgely, No. 51.—M. S. Atkins, L. R. Good.
Phenix, No. 52.—Fred. H. Kobs.
Elm, No. 53.—Harold H. Harrison, Arthur M. Marsh, Clarence A. Clough.
Mohegan, No. 55.—Ernest Oppermann, L. L. Joslin.
Friendship, No. 56.—Seymour Pierce.
Stephen Terry, No. 59.—Arthur F. Boyington, Claud M. Terrell.
Menuncatuck, No. 62.—M. Wall.
Naugatuck, No. 63.—August A. Glaser.
Good Shepherd, No. 65.—Raymond F. Logan, William R. Van Deusen.
John Ericsson, No. 67.—Herman Ericsson, Axel Bydingsward.
Meriden Center, No. 68.—William F. Powers, Lester Pardee.
Accanant, No. 71.—Clarence M. King.
Lexington, No. 72.—William Hockmuth, George Osborn.
Mechanics, No. 73.—Albert Lyons.
Sequassen, No. 74.—Hayden W. Griffin, William H. Burgs.
Eureka, No. 75.—Joseph B. Mason, Frank Whitlock.
Adelphian, No. 80.—Harry A. King, J. T. MacIlroy.
Webb, No. 81.—Charles D. Ayres, John A. Johnson.
Hartford, No. 82.—E. J. Simmington, Herbert A. Day.
Steuben, No. 83.—Adam Blackert.
Seaside, No. 84.—Josiah J. Dyer.
Pequot, No. 85.—E. H. Dunbar, A. S. King.
Crystal, No. 88.—Victor L. Beebe, Alfred S. Howard.
Oronoque, No. 90.—Fred G. Bevans, I. L. Morehouse, Charles Chase.
Lessing, No. 94.—Harry Meyer, Fred Schempp, John Stein.
Teutonia, No. 95.—William G. Schwatlow.
Beethoven, No. 98.—Joseph E. Hirth.
Samuel H. Harris, No. 99.—Clarence E. Caukens, Jesse A. Standish, Alois Kirschner, Harry Sanford.
Centennial, No. 100.—Edgar H. Burns, George L. Hall.
Fairview, No. 101.—Charles S. Sawyer, Edward F. Walsh.

Number of new members, 123.

We also recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on Brother H. L. French, P.G., of Irving Lodge, No. 545, Port Chester, New York, as per request Grand Lodge of New York.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. PRITCHARD,
H. M. BOOTH,
ORVILLE RECTOR,
Committee on Credentials.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

The Grand Master requested the Grand Warden and Grand Marshal to retire and confer the Grand Lodge Degree on the Past Grands applying for the degree.

Grand Master appointed William H. Marigold, P.G.M., to occupy the station of the Grand Warden during his absence.

F. Henry Monroe, Grand Warden, announced that he was ready to present the new members. The Grand Lodge being called up, the Grand Warden introduced 123 Past Grands, who had received the Grand Lodge Degree and were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge. Also Brother H. L. French, P.G., of Irving Lodge, No. 545, Port Chester, New York, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree had been conferred by request of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Master welcomed the new Representatives, and the brother from New York.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—It is with a feeling of exultant pride that I am able to report for the Committee on State of Order to this Grand Body, and in so doing we shall depart from the usual custom; for instance, we have omitted the extensive tabulations that take up valuable time and useful space in the annual Journal, and also for the reason that it is merely repetition, for with the eminent and faithful services of our Grand Secretary everything is tabulated almost to the minutest detail; therefore we recommend for your research and scrutiny the tables and tabulations of the Grand Secretary as they appear in the published journal of proceedings annually.

Upon research of the reports from the different Lodges, which we have very carefully considered, we glean valuable information, and it appears to us like a great corporate report from one of the most thrifty Connecticut corporations, with 24,164 stockholders and every one presumably looking for a dividend, which since 1841 has never been omitted, but paid in full at every demand. This corporation has turned out the finished product for the past year of 1,410 bright, shining Odd Fellows of about 100 per cent perfection, and the general condition of this thrifty Order never was better; scarcely any dissatisfaction, no labor troubles, and enough for every member to do, working full time.

The receipts of the Lodges have been $248,880.13.

The actual running expenses of the Lodges were $104,476.50, and $4,553.20 added to the building account.

The beneficial relief to members was $119,481.82; 23 widowed families have been relieved and assisted to the amount of $701.95; the orphan relief was $25.25. Making a total relief of $120,183.77.

REPORTED ASSETS.

Mortgages, stocks and bonds	$474,294.41
Cash	283,184.93
Furniture and Lodge investments	173,205.51
Total	$930,684.85

MEMBERSHIP.

Active contributing members	24,091
Non-contributing members	73
Total membership	24,164

If we should place an estimate valuation on this membership at $500 each, it would make a valuation of Connecticut Odd Fellowship of $12,082,000, and if you will consider for a moment you will find this estimate very conservative.

The five Lodges making the greatest gain are:

Our Brothers, No. 10	69
Charter Oak, No. 2	52
Relief, No. 86	46
Townsend, No. 89	45
Stonington, No. 26	43

The five Lodges having the largest membership are:

Nosahogan, No. 21	888
Townsend, No. 89	791
Samuel H. Harris, No. 99	707
Charter Oak, No. 2	685
Pequonnock, No. 4	513

We cannot but say to the Lodges, well done; to the individual members we say well done, and to the Grand Master we extend congratulations for commanding the largest body of a real fraternity that ever existed in this commonwealth. To the Grand Secretary we say well done; keep pushing and your 30,000 membership is as sure as the morrow's sun is to shine.

THE REBEKAHS.

We have examined the reports from our sister Lodges, and we find them practically without error, but as in the previous report we have omitted the tabulation, and you will find them all in the Grand Secretary's report in the printed Journal.

We find that this is a very busy branch of the Order. They have made additions to their membership of 1,027. They have diligently attended to the wants of their distressed and needy members, having expended for relief $2,705.98, and their balance to-day is $42,014.19, with

a total membership of 8,615, flourishing, prosperous and happy, and we bid them Godspeed.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report for Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, who was absent:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the following changes in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that we find them in accordance with the Constitution:

Wauseon Lodge, No. 32.
Change of quorum from seven to five.

Portland Lodge, No. 35.
Minor changes, also making the limit for receiving benefits eight weeks when in arrears and after payment of dues.

Schiller Lodge, No. 92.
Minor changes.

Pequabock Lodge, No. 48.
Amendment to Art. III, appointing Advisory Committee of Past Grands to consider cases of brothers in arrears.

Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63.
Changing nurse allowance to $10 per week, with limit of five weeks.

Pequabock Lodge, No. 48.
Minor changes.

Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13.
Various amendments concerning amount of dues and benefits.

Relief Lodge, No. 86.
Amendment to by-law concerning Sick Visiting Committee.

Hancock Lodge, No. 28.
Increase in dues; also providing that if Lodge funds fall below $2,000 an equal assessment may be made for Lodge expenses. Also relating to watchers and salaries.

Portland Lodge, No. 35.
Change of meeting night.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5.
Providing for assessments for watching and payment of Outside Guardian.

Relief Lodge, No. 86.
Regarding amount deposited with application and physician's certificate.

Webb Lodge, No. 81.
Amendment regarding nurses and hospital charges.
Menuncatuck Lodge, No. 62.
Fixing funeral benefit at $100.
City Lodge, No. 36.
General changes in By-Laws.
Portland Lodge, No. 35.
Changing By-Laws by inserting in same, right to transfer 5 per cent. of Lodge receipts to entertainment fund.
Fairview Lodge, No. 101.
Changes relating to sick benefits.
Israel Putnam Lodge, No. 33.
Change of by-law regarding duration of nurse hire.
Thames Lodge, No. 22.
Fixing salaries of Secretaries and Treasurer.
Rippowam Lodge, No. 24.
General revision of By-Laws.
Portland Lodge, No. 35.
Change of meeting night.

We find in them nothing to conflict with the usages or the Constitution of the Order, therefore we offer the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing changes in the Subordinate By-Laws be and the same are by this Grand Body approved.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. FULLER,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Pond also submitted the following for Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee on Legislation:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the following changes in the By-Laws of Rebekah Lodges, beg leave to report that we find them in accordance with the Constitution:

Marion Lodge, No. 31.
Changes in hour of meeting, making quorum to conform to new Constitution and omitting Secretary's report in July.
Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 39.
Privilege by two-thirds vote to omit one meeting each in July and August.
Hazel Rebekah Lodge, No. 52.
Change of meeting night.
Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 56.
New draft of By-Laws.
Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18.
Regulating salaries.
Mary Rebekah Lodge, No. 51.
Re-draft of By-Laws.

Medora Rebekah Lodge, No. 53.
Striking out article regarding salary of Secretary.
Union Rebekah Lodge, No. 17.
Sundry amendments concerning meeting night and duties of Secretary and Treasurer.

We find in them nothing to conflict with the usages or the Constitution of the Order, therefore we offer the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing changes in the Rebekah By-Laws be and the same are by this Grand Body approved.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. FULLER,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The Grand Master called on Walter Tripp, Grand Master, of New Hampshire, to address the Grand Lodge, and his speech was very interesting and showed that the Order was progressing in New Hampshire.

The Grand Master introduced Frank L. Way, Grand Secretary, of New Hampshire, and he made an interesting address, which pleased the Representatives.

Representative Philip Pond presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Body extend its thanks to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. for the kindly courtesy extended by that company in complying with our Grand Master's request and stopping the Connecticut River Special, westbound, at Bridgeport, this forenoon, for the accommodation of our Grand Sire.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Grand Master called on Harry Walker, Grand Secretary, of New York, to address the Representatives, and as always "Our Harry" was very interesting, and his speech enjoyed by all.

The Grand Master submitted his report:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—In accordance with the law, I, Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, herewith submit to you my annual report of my doings for the past year, which I

trust will meet with your approval. I ask that my official actions, embodied herein, including decisions, proclamations and circular letters, dispensations, releases, etc., be referred to proper Standing Committees; and that this Grand Body take action approving or disapproving all my official actions which I have performed since the last meeting of this Grand Body, one year ago, for the information and guidance of whom it may concern.

It is with exceedingly great pleasure that I welcome the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to my home city of Bridgeport to-day, and the delegates will find that this city and its citizens are glad of their presence, and will prove so by their cordiality to you while you remain in their midst. Bridgeport is alive to the benefits and merits of Odd Fellowship, as is proved by the fact that the Subordinate Lodges of this city contain about 2,600 members and the Rebekah Lodges here about 1,300, or a total membership in this city of almost 4,000 members.

We are greatly honored to-day by having as our guest, Judge Robert T. Daniel, the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we feel deeply grateful to him for honoring this Jurisdiction to-day with his presence. It is the first time that a Grand Sire has visited the city of Bridgeport since about thirty years ago, at which time my father, William H. Stevenson, now deceased, was Grand Master, when I well remember that we had the pleasure and honor at my home of entertaining Hon. Charles M. Busbee, of North Carolina, the then Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who at that time delivered a stirring address to our membership in Bridgeport at the Park City Theatre, which was filled to overflowing with a splendid and appreciative audience.

I am very pleased to report the condition of the Order in Connecticut at this time to be excellent in every way—active and growing—despite the circumstances of the severe business depression through which we have passed and the unsettled condition of affairs which has been caused since last summer by the great world war which is now raging in Europe, Africa and Asia. I am gratified to be able to report to this Grand Lodge a net gain during the year up to January 1st, last, of over 500 new members in Subordinate Lodges and over 600 new members in Rebekah Lodges, which net gains speak very well for the times; since our suspensions for non-payment of dues and our deaths have both been very large, and to make these net gains above all those adversities is something of which the Order should well feel proud in Connecticut.

We have in this State over 24,000 Subordinate members and over 8,000 Rebekah members. The assets of the Subordinate Lodges amount to over $930,000, and of the Rebekah Lodges over $42,000, or total assets in this State of about $1,000,000 accumulated for the legitimate trust purposes of our great brotherhood in Connecticut.

Our Lodges, I am delighted to report, have also, as well, been very

active since January 1st, the end of the last term, and official report time, taking in an abundance of splendid material into their membership, and in nearly every part of the State there is to-day activity in the degree work among our Lodges, both Subordinate and Rebekah. Without attempting to give any official figures of the gains since January 1st, it is estimated that in the last four months, since any returns were rendered, the Subordinate Lodges have taken in over 400 new members and that the Rebekah Lodges have taken in over 500 new members in the same period. All in addition to the above prior gains previously enumerated in the preceding paragraphs.

As is to be expected in a large membership like ours in Connecticut, among the 92 Subordinate Lodges and 56 Rebekah Lodges, or a total of 148 Lodges in the State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, there has been some friction and differences of opinion. But I am happy to say that I have been able to straighten out all discord that has arisen from time to time, so that I am gratified to be able to report to this Grand Lodge that there are now pending no appeals from any decisions or rulings as made by myself as Grand Master.

Death of Past Grand Master deLeeuw.

It was with great sorrow that the Grand Officers and the entire membership of the Order in Connecticut learned of the death, on July 19, 1914, of Past Grand Master Leopold deLeeuw, of Hartford, Conn. In his death, a very great loss was sustained to Odd Fellowship in Connecticut. For years he had labored unceasingly for the good of this Order and of mankind. His labors and services as President, and as Treasurer, of the Odd Fellows Home Corporation in this State will ever remain a lasting testimonial to his worth and merit. Funeral services were conducted by your Grand Master and your Grand Chaplain at Hartford on July 21, 1914, at which time all of the Grand Lodge Officers were present, besides a great number of sorrowing Hartford brothers. I will not attempt in this report to make any lengthy sketch of our good departed brother's work in our behalf, as I referred the matter to our Standing Committee on Necrology for a report, which you will hear later to-day.

Lost Rituals.

I am sorry to have to report the loss, discovered at the time of the January installations, of three Rituals, one each by Wooster Lodge, No. 37; Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, and Butler Lodge, No. 97; being Rituals numbered, respectively, No. 37 F, No. 63 D, and No. 97 D. I directed that the installations proceed and that a very exhaustive search be made for the lost volumes. The District Deputy Grand Masters reported to me that, after careful investigation, the books could not be discovered. On March 1st, the Rituals still being missing, I fined each of said three

Lodges $10.00, in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge, which fines were promptly paid to the Grand Secretary by the said three Lodges.

District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting.

The District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting was held at New Haven on June 3, 1914, which was largely attended from all sections of the State, only a few of the Deputies being absent. State Instructor Sidney W. Challenger instructed in the secret work in his usual careful manner, and the Grand Master made an address outlining somewhat the duties of the Deputies and what was expected of them for the coming year. The meeting was very successful. A like meeting was held of the Rebekah District Deputy Grand Masters, who were instructed in the secret work by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Manville, State Instructress; and for the German Rebekah Lodges by Mrs. Hedwig Pflegher, of New Haven, State Instructress for the German Rebekah Lodges. The Grand Master likewise addressed this meeting, giving instructions and outlining the work and duties for the coming year. This meeting was also splendidly attended, only one being absent.

My Deputies have remained in office according to the appointments made by me at your last Grand Lodge Session and as confirmed by you and recorded in the Journal of 1914, with the single exception of Robert Ellegaard, of Hartford, Conn., D.D.G.M. of District No. 16, which includes Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, which does work in the Danish language, who suddenly died and whose funeral was held December 2, 1914, at Hartford, attended by your Grand Master and your Grand Secretary. In memory of Brother Ellegaard I have left the office in that district vacant until this time.

Executive Council meetings were held during the year as seemed requisite and necessary.

Consolidation of Uncas and Goethe Lodges.

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held at New Haven on August 29, 1914, the petitions and votes of Goethe Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F., of Taftville, Conn., and Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., of Norwich, Conn., for permission to consolidate as one Lodge, to be known and titled Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., of Norwich, Conn., was duly considered, and it was unanimously voted by the Executive Council that it being the part of wisdom so to do, and inasmuch as all the forms of law required by the laws of our Order had been complied with, that the said two Lodges be so consolidated and that their petitions be granted in full; and they were so consolidated; and Goethe Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F., was instructed to deliver all its property and funds to Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., with the exception of its Rituals and charter, which were ordered delivered to the Grand Secretary, as the custodian

of this Grand Lodge. I ask that this action of the Executive Council, consolidating these two Lodges, be approved.

Centennial Anniversary Committee.

In accordance with the vote of this body at its last session, I have appointed as a "Centennial Anniversary Committee" to recommend and report upon the subject at this session: Past Grand Masters William S. Hutchison (Chairman), Sidney W. Challenger, Frank E. Roys, Selah G. Blakeman, and Grant U. Kierstead.

Good Samaritan Committee.

In accordance with the vote of this Grand Lodge at its last session, I have appointed as the "Good Samaritan Committee," to act in accordance with said vote, Past Grand Masters Frank R. Upson (Chairman), Charles B. Ware, and Frederic C. Burrows, whose duty it is to investigate and report the advisability of providing financial and attentive assistance for sick and helpless widows of deceased Odd Fellows and other members of our fraternity whose condition will not permit their admittance, under present rules, at Fairview, the Odd Fellows Home, at Groton, Conn. This Committee will make a detailed report of their findings at this session of this Grand Lodge.

Other Committee Appointments

As Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, to take the place of Past Grand Master Leopold deLeeuw, deceased, I, on August 4, 1914, appointed Past Grand Master Frank R. Upson, of No. 75, as Chairman of said Committee.

As a Committee on Credentials, I, on April 20, 1915, appointed Harry H. Pritchard, of No. 4 (Chairman); Herbert M. Booth, of No. 99, and Orville Rector, of No. 41.

As Committee on Distribution of the Grand Officers' reports, I have appointed Past Grand Master Philip Pond, as Chairman, together with Brothers Benjamin B. McFarland, of No. 1, and Charles D. Pulver, of No. 65.

Veteran Odd Fellows Association.

All Odd Fellows of continuous twenty-five years' good standing in the Order are entitled as a "Veteran" under the laws of our Order to procure and wear a Veteran Jewel as prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to join the Veteran Odd Fellows Association in Connecticut. I strongly recommend and urge that all brothers who are qualified by such honorable length of service in our midst to join our Veterans Association, of which Brother Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., of Southington, Conn., is the Secretary and can give all requested advices to inquiring

brothers. The Association holds two meetings annually—one in summer, and one in the winter—at which time they partake of a banquet or dinner together. The Association is large, and several hundred Veteran brothers from all sections of the State attend its meetings, which are most enjoyable. I think there are no dues whatever to the Association; simply present your written application for membership with fifty cents, and then attend whatever of the winter and summer meetings you can and pay for your dinner ticket, when you attend, and have a delightful time, fraternizing with the other Veterans. Try it once, Veteran brothers, and you will surely get the habit.

Rulings and Decisions.

The following Rulings and Decisions have been made by me during the past year. I ask that these decisions be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for investigation and report, in order that any errors that I may have made may be corrected; and that such decisions of mine as are free from mistake may be approved and ratified by this Grand Lodge:

Decision 1. *Q.*—Is the married sister of an Odd Fellow who is in arrears for dues eligible for Rebekah membership, her husband not being an Odd Fellow?

A.—No. The Odd Fellow is not in good standing.

Decision 2. *Q.*—Are assessments on members for "Centennial Anniversary Fund" legal?

A.—No.

Decision 3. *Q.*—Does conviction for crime and sentence of a brother to prison operate as an expulsion from his Lodge?

A.—No. He is entitled to a trial in his Lodge after formal charges are preferred.

Decision 4. *Statement*—A brother is in arrears six months when he pays dues for one year, paying ahead six months. By-Laws of Lodge say he must remain non-beneficial for thirteen weeks after paying arrears. He dies before the thirteen weeks expire.

Q.—Is widow entitled as a legal right to funeral benefit in this case?

A.—No. He was non-beneficial when he died.

Decision 5. *Q.*—Where should charges be brought against a brother?

A.—In the brother's own Lodge.

Decision 6. *Q.*—Are blank forms for charges furnished?

A.—Yes, by the Grand Secretary, free.

Decision 7. *Q.*—Are private business matters and pecuniary relations among brothers the subject of charges?

A.—No.

Decision 8. *Q.*—If a brother, while a resident of the Home, marries a resident of the Home and later is taken sick while beneficial and then leaves the Home and continues sick, is he entitled to benefits?

A.—Yes.

Decision 9. *Q.*—A brother while a resident of the Home works for outsiders for pay and is injured during such work and leaves the Home. Is he entitled to benefits after he leaves the Home during continuance of disability if he was beneficial when hurt?

A.—Yes.

Decision 10. *Q.*—An aged brother while beneficial loses the sight of both eyes through cataracts. Is he entitled to benefits?

A.—Yes.

Decision 11. *Q.*—If a Committee on an application for membership refuses to act, may another be appointed in its place?

A.—Yes.

Decision 12. *Q.*—If a communication is ordered filed, may it at the same meeting by vote be taken from files and otherwise acted upon?

A.—Yes.

Decision 13. *Q.*—Is it proper for a Rebekah Guard to wear uniform to and from home?

A.—Yes. The Guards and their uniforms are no part of the ritualistic work.

Decision 14. *Q.*—A brother is fatally injured while non-beneficial, after which he pays all arrears and later dies of his injuries. Is his widow entitled to funeral benefit?

A.—No. You cannot become beneficial during same disability.

Decision 15. *Q.*—A brother while in arrears and non-beneficial is injured. Later, while still disabled, he pays all arrearages and in advance, and afterwards dies of said injuries. Is a funeral benefit due?

A.—No. He is not in good standing when he dies, because then non-beneficial.

Decision 16. *Q.*—Must candidates for degrees be balloted for separately, and must the degrees be balloted for separately?

A.—Yes. Candidates must be balloted for by ball-ballot separately; but all degrees for each candidate may be balloted for at one time, except initiatory.

Decision 17. *Q.*—May Secretary cast ballot for degrees?

A.—No. The members must themselves deposit the balls.

Decision 18. *Q.*—Can a resident of this State living nearer a Lodge in this State than to a Lodge in an adjoining State procure a release of jurisdiction from Grand Master to join the Lodge in the adjoining State?

A.—No. It would be unlawful for the Grand Master to grant it.

Decision 19. *Q.*—Is an officer of a Lodge present at its meeting when

he comes only so far as the ante-room and does not enter the Lodge room proper or take his chair?

A.—No.

Decision 20. *Q.*—Is it proper to use the contingent fund of a Rebekah Lodge to purchase a Past Noble Grand Jewel for the D.D.G.M., she being a Past Noble Grand of the Lodge?

A.—Yes. If first referred to a committee to investigate and whose report is favorable to such an appropriation.

Decision 21. *Q.*—A Noble Grand's resignation is accepted. Does the Vice Grand take the office or must a new election be held?

A.—A new election must be held.

Decision 22. *Q.*—Has the new Noble Grand got to be installed before holding the chair?

A.—Yes, of course.

Decision 23. *Q.*—For last part of term to fill vacancies the Vice Grand is elected Noble Grand and the Right Supporter to Vice Grand is elected Vice Grand. Are the elections legal?

A.—No, unless the Vice Grand has served a prior term or the last of a term as Vice Grand, and unless the Right Supporter had served a full term in some office other than Trustee.

Decision 24. *Q.*—Is there a legal blank printed form of Application for Dispensation?

A.—Yes. They may be obtained of Grand Secretary. They contain a place for the approval and signature of the D.D.G.M., which should be endorsed thereon before forwarding to the Grand Master.

Decision 25. *Q.*—In case of resignation of Noble Grand and vacancy in that office, what officer presides until new election and installation?

A.—Vice Grand.

Decision 26. *Q.*—In above case can nomination, election and installation all take place the same meeting?

A.—Yes.

Decision 27. *Q.*—A retiring Noble Grand is absent at his last meeting and the installation of his successor, and is not present for installation as Junior Past Grand. Is he entitled to rank of Past Grand without being regularly installed?

A.—Yes.

Decision 28. *Q.*—May board paid to the Home for a brother be afterwards considered as a credit towards sick benefits when he is not a resident of the Home?

A.—No.

Decision 29. *Q.*—Should applications for dispensations by Rebekah Lodges be sent by Rebekah Lodge direct to Assembly President or through District Deputy?

A.—They should be written on the regular printed blank forms and sent for approval or disapproval to the Deputy and by her sent to the President. The President should return the dispensation or the refusal thereof to the Deputy. Among Subordinate Lodges similar papers should pass through the Deputy to the Grand Master and not go direct from the Lodge.

Decision 30. *Q.*—Is it lawful for a Rebekah Lodge to vote, by motion made, seconded, and carried, at one session, a salary of a small amount to Secretary for services, when there is no by-law on the subject? Can such a motion be legally entertained?

A.—Yes.

Decision 31. *Q.*—Can a visiting brother from another Jurisdiction be admitted upon his card or certificate in date and upon giving the T.P.W. to the Noble Grand before the Lodge is opened, or after, without an examination by a committee as laid down in the Ritual?

A.—No. He must be examined by committee upon his first visit on the card or certificate.

Decision 32. *Q.*—Member suspended for N.P.D. applies for reinstatement within one year, is elected and pays under by-law provision therefor, a sum equal to one year's dues. Does that pay any advance dues for him, and is he in good financial standing?

A.—That amount only pays his new entrance or his reinstatement fee. He must also pay regular dues from that time to be in good standing.

Decision 33. *Q.*—A suspended member is reinstated to membership by proper vote after proper application therefor and the payment of the fee equal to one year's dues. Does he have to sign the constitution again before his membership commences again and before his dues start to run again?

A.—No.

Decision 34. *Q.*—Does the law relating to members over 60 years of age who have been contributing members for 25 consecutive years being retained as non-contributing members when more than one year in arrears for dues, apply to Rebekah Lodges and their members?

A.—Yes. The law was made so to apply by legislation in 1913 by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision 35. *Q.*—A Lodge Treasurer-elect fails for over three months to appear for installation. What shall the Lodge or the D.D.G.M. do?

A.—The Treasurer-elect should decline or resign, or, in case of his refusal to do so, either the Lodge by two-thirds vote, or the Deputy, may declare the office vacant and order a new election.

Decision 36. *Q.*—A brother is entitled to sick benefits. He has been adjudged an incompetent person by the Probate Court and a conservator has been appointed under bonds over his estate. Should

benefits be paid to him or to his conservator?

A.—The benefits should be paid to the conservator, or expended by the Lodge direct for the brother's needs.

Decision 37. *Q.*—A brother while in arrears for dues goes insane and continues insane without paying dues for over a year. Should he be suspended for non-payment of dues?

A.—No. He should not be suspended, but should be carried on the Lodge books as a member during the continuance of his insanity.

Decision 38. *Q.*—Is it legal to elect and to initiate a candidate at the same meeting?

A.—Yes. Providing the election is a legal one and takes place at a later regular meeting to the receipt and reference of the application.

Decision 39. *Q.*—Brother taken sick in November and continues sick and draws full benefits to May, when he is declared off the Lodge sick list with his consent by the Noble Grand. In June he was placed in a sanitarium in another city, but his Lodge not notified until August. Another organization is paying his sanitarium expenses. For what benefits and hospital or nursing expenses is the Lodge liable?

A.—He should be placed on the sick list for a new sickness dating back two weeks (under By-Laws) prior to August, when Lodge received notification. He does not appear to now need any additional care or nursing to what he is now receiving, and he should be placed under the care of a Lodge where he is, and circumstances should govern whether he later requires a nurse or watcher in addition to present care. He should receive sick benefits weekly.

Decision 40. *Q.*—By-Laws provide for funeral benefit to brother on death of his wife. On wife's death, brother makes no application for benefit. Brother dies two years later. Daughter now first informs Lodge of wife's death and asks for benefit on death of wife. Is daughter entitled to funeral benefit to brother on death of wife?

A.—No. The brother waived his own right by not making application and notifying Lodge; and daughter never had any right.

Decision 41. Q.—Can an application for membership be received, or can a ballot or election for membership be had at a special meeting?

A.—No. Neither can be done at a special meeting.

Decision 42. *Q.*—Is a D.D.G.M. superior in rank to a Rebekah Assembly officer?

A.—Yes. The D.D.G.M. is the direct representative of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge.

Decision 43. *Q.*—Is it proper for an Odd Fellows Lodge to appoint a committee to act with committees from other organizations to form a joint organization for some special purpose?

A.—No.

Decision 44. *Q.*—Would it be legal to hold a joint installation of officers of three Subordinate Lodges?

A.—Yes.

Decision 45. *Q.*—Is a young unmarried woman who will become eighteen years of age in two months eligible to Rebekah membership?

A.—No, not until her birthday arrives.

Decision 46. *Q.*—Has a Rebekah Past Noble Grands Association the right to use a degree, or signs, or ballot box, or password, or vote on qualified applicants of proper rank for admission?

A.—No. (See S.G.L. Journal of 1914, pp. 542 and 543—Decisions 27 and 28.)

Decision 47. *Q.*—Has a club composed wholly of Odd Fellows the right to use the name and style, "The I. O. O. F. Club?"

A.—No.

Decision 48. *Q.*—A brother while in good standing becomes insane and is committed to State Hospital for Insane. He is entitled to continuous benefits of amounts in excess of his board and support there. The benefits were paid to his wife until she ceased to pay his board and allowed him to be supported by his town as a pauper. To whom should benefits be paid?

A.—The benefits should be used as a trust fund with which to pay his board and for his maintenance and clothes and for his wife's maintenance if she gets in pressing need; and the balance, if any, retained and paid over to the brother if he recovers his sanity or to his executor or administrator on his death. (S.G.L. Journal 1902, pp. 871 and 872.)

Decision 49. *Q.*—Can the Grand Master grant a dispensation to a Rebekah Lodge to receive applications for membership and ballot upon the same at the same meeting?

A.—No. Rebekah Lodge Constitution requires that they be laid over for investigation at least one meeting.

Decision 50. *Q.*—Can Grand Master give permission for initiations or other degree work at special meetings?

A.—Yes, providing meetings are properly warned in accordance with constitutional requirements as to notices given, etc.

Decision 51. *Q.*—Can Grand Master grant dispensation for ballot on applicants for membership and election of officers at special meeting?

A.—No.

Decision 52. *Q.*—Is it necessary for a nominee or electee to be present at the meeting when nominated or elected?

A.—No.

Decision 53. *Q.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge Treasurer be elected and installed for two terms or one year?

A.—No.

Decision 54. *Q.*—A Noble Grand-elect is sick and unable to be installed. Who acts as Noble Grand until he is well and able to be installed?

A.—The retiring Noble Grand must continue to act until the installation of his successor.

Decision 55. *Q.*—Waiting brothers in the anteroom wish to enter during the time the minutes are being read or committees are reporting. Have they the right to enter at such times or must they wait?

A.—Waiting brothers who are able to work their way in should be admitted at once at any time during the Lodge session after the opening and before the closing, excepting only during degree work.

Decision 56. *Q.*—Without waiting for the decision of an appeal to the D.D.G.M. a member employs a lawyer, not a member of the Order, to sue his Lodge for benefits. Is that such conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow upon which charges could be successfully predicated?

A.—Yes.

Decision 57. *Q.*—A Rebekah Lodge Noble Grand is re-elected Noble Grand for the new term. Should she be invested with the collar and jewel of a Past Noble Grand and inducted into the Acting Past Noble Grand's chair before being installed again as Noble Grand?

A.—She should be invested with the collar and jewel of a Past Noble Grand, but should not be seated in the Acting Past Noble Grand's chair.

Decision 58. *Q.*—A brother who is a Past Grand is Secretary of a Rebekah Lodge. Should he wear his Subordinate Lodge collar, or Rebekah official collar?

A.—He should wear Rebekah Lodge Secretary's collar.

Decision 59. *Q.*—Can Grand Master grant a dispensation to change meeting hour of a Lodge?

A.—No. He has no authority to do so.

Decision 60. *Q.*—A brother has a chronic disease which at different periods of time disables him and puts him frequently on the sick list. Is each period of disability a new sickness or new disability at the maximum rate per week, or is it all the same sickness?

A.—It is a new sickness or disability each time at maximum rate per week unless the brother is kept on the sick list continuously. "Sickness" means inability to perform usual vocation, while "disease" has a different meaning. One "disease" may make many "sicknesses." Unless the By-Laws of the Lodge are specific enough to cover the situation when he may be put each time or continued on the original or previous sick list as for a relapse of the same sickness. Depends on By-Laws.

Decision 61. *Q.*—A Rebekah sister is over 60 years old, and has held continuous contributing membership for over 25 years, but not all in the same Lodge as at present. Is she entiled to go on the non-contributing list?

A.—Yes.

Decision 62. *Q.*—Is a member, whose dues are all paid up and in

advance, but who is non-beneficial under the By-Laws for a certain period yet because of delay in payment of dues, in "good standing"?

A.—No. "Good standing" means freedom from any disability by reason of non-payment of dues of any kind on time.

Decision 63. *Q.*—Can Grand Master grant dispensation to Rebekah Lodge to hold special session for degree work?

A.—No. The special meeting must be called in accordance with Sec. 2 of Art. II of Rebekah Lodge Constitution.

Decision 64. *Statement*—An application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge is regularly received, referred, and favorably reported upon. It regularly comes up for action and a ballot is properly taken. Two black balls appear, but the Vice Grand and the Noble Grand both declare the ballot to be unfavorable through a misapprehension of the law. They both at same meeting subsequently openly announce their error and both declare the ballot to have been favorable. Motion is then regularly made, seconded, and carried to declare the ballot void and to proceed to a new ballot. A new ballot is had when three or more black balls appear. The ballot is declared to be unfavorable.

Q.—Is the applicant elected or rejected?

A.—The applicant was properly first elected. But the Lodge at the same meeting had the right to annul the election and declare it void by a two-thirds vote of the members present. After which a new ballot would then be in order and if three or more black balls then appeared the applicant would be rejected. If the intermediate motion was carried by a *two-thirds* vote of all members present, the applicant is properly rejected. If, however, the motion lacked two-thirds of all present, then the applicant's election on the first ballot stands as favorable, and the second ballot was illegal and unlawful and would not prevail, and the applicant is elected. It all depends whether or not two-thirds of all present voted "yes" on the motion. If a count was not had and the record does not show that two-thirds voted in favor of the motion, then the applicant is elected on the original ballot, and the second ballot was unlawful and void. You will find all this procedure outlined fully in Sec. 9 of Article VI of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution, to which I refer as the authority for this decision.

Decision 65. *Q.*—A resident of Westerly, R. I., whose residence is nearer the Lodge room of Hope Rebekah Lodge, in Westerly, than to that of Mystic Rebekah Lodge, in Mystic, Conn., desires to join latter Lodge, which requests release of jurisdiction be procured by Connecticut Grand Master from Rhode Island Grand Master. Is it a proper request to make?

A.—No. There is no authority in our Order for anyone to grant any release in a case like this.

Decision 66. Five residents of one city which has no Rebekah Lodge wish to join a Rebekah Lodge in adjoining city, to then take with-

drawal cards and apply for charter for new Lodge. Can they be elected at a special meeting upon mere motion without application or ballot?

A.—No. They must sign regular application and present it at regular meeting. It must be recorded and laid over to next regular meeting and referred to Committee of Investigation and balloted upon at next regular meeting after report of committee. In other words, such applications must take the regular, usual course without any exception or preference, the same as any ordinary applications.

Decision 67. *Q.*—A resident of northern Massachusetts comes to town in this State to work. Intends to move his family here later. Has lived here three months. Wishes to join Lodge here, but Lodge By-Laws require a six months' residence. Can a release be secured from Massachusetts, or is there any way he can now join here?

A.—It is not a case for a release of jurisdiction, as his family lives nearer a Massachusetts Lodge than to a Connecticut Lodge. He could join the Massachusetts Lodge as still a resident there, and then join here on a Transfer Certificate.

Decision 68. *Q.*—Can candidates for degrees be balloted upon collectively?

A.—No. Each candidate separately.

Decision 69. *Q.*—Can the three degrees for one candidate be balloted upon collectively?

A.—Yes, in Connecticut.

Decision 70. *Q.*—An aged brother and his wife are destitute in a town where they live, which is not the town of his Lodge, but that of another Lodge. They need help at once or the town will have to assist them. His own Lodge in another town has been appealed to unsuccessfully by the local Lodge, which has been assisting without any reimbursement for some time back. Can his own Lodge be forced to assist when the brother is not sick, only feeble from old age, and in destitute financial circumstances.

A.—No. Assistance can not be required, but should be tendered. It is a good spot for weekly donations; or, better still, the Lodge should place them both in the Odd Fellows Home.

Decision 71. *Q.*—In the Rebekah degree work must the candidate's position be in the center of the room when taking the obligation from the Vice Grand or may the position optionally be just directly in front of Vice Grand's chair?

A.—The position of the candidate must be in the center of the room.

Decision 72. *Q.*—Is it permissible for a Lodge to do their work in a Lodge room on the ground floor?

A.—It should only be permitted to a new Lodge as a temporary ex-

pedient, if at all, and the Lodge should move to the second story as soon as possible. The Grand Sire in Decision 3 on page 14 of the Journal of 1913 stated that Grand Masters seldom permitted it, and that decision was approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and adopted.

Decision 73. *Q.*—The facts in Question 70 above seem now to show that the brother has a grown-up son, strong and able, and continuously employed at good wages, and having no children of his own, who is willing to provide for his parents. Is it necessary for help to be expended by the Lodge from its trust funds in its treasury?

A.—No.

Decision 74. *Q.*—Can a Lodge be granted a dispensation by the Grand Master to hold a special meeting to ballot upon candidates and confer initiatory degree?

A.—No. Candidates can never be balloted upon at a special meeting. Applications must be laid over from one regular meeting to next regular before being balloted upon. Degrees may be conferred at a special meeting without a dispensation.

Decision 75. *Q.*—A Lodge is under the order of business of balloting upon applicants. Should waiting members in anteroom be admitted?

A.—Yes, between the closing and before the opening of the ballot box, but not during the time when the ballot box is open.

Decision 76. *Q.*—Ritualistic degree work is in progress with a substitute officer duly robed and qualified in Rebekah Acting Past Noble Grand's chair. Should she be allowed by Noble Grand to leave Lodge room and go to preparatory room to allow the real Acting Past Noble Grand, who has just arrived, to don the robes of office and deliver the charge?

A.—No. The substitute should remain in office and deliver the charge.

Decision 77. *Q.*—A former member of a Lodge dropped from membership for N.P.D. fourteen years ago desires to rejoin and presents an application for initiation which is regularly referred to a committee. The committee reports on it favorably as an application for reinstatement; a ballot is had on it as an application for initiation and election for initiation announced. The minutes in error read that the applicant was reinstated. Objection is made to his receiving the initiatory degree. Proposition fee accompanied the application, but not any reinstatement fees. Is he reinstated or elected for initiation as a new member?

A.—He should be initiated as a new member and charged accordingly. The minutes and the committee's endorsement should be corrected by vote of the Lodge to agree with the facts.

Decision 78. *Q.*—Is it necessary for a brother member of a Rebekah

Lodge to work his way in both the outer and inner doors the same as a sister?

A.—Yes, of course.

Decision 79. *Statement.*—A member of a Subordinate Lodge deserts his wife and leaves town. The brother was, and is, in good standing. The wife has applied to his Lodge for assistance. The matter is in the hands of the Relief Committee.

Q.—Is it a proper case for relief to be extended from the trust funds of the Subordinate Lodge?

A.—No. It would be improper for the Lodge to use its trust funds in this case to help or relieve this wife. She is not a member of the Order and has no connection with it, except through her husband. He is the one that should support her; and the State laws will compel him to do so, if necessary. The Lodge has no contractual obligations with her except to pay her a funeral benefit upon his death. It would make no difference whether the brother left her without any just cause, as the Lodge cannot interfere in the relations between husband and wife. If she were the *widow* of a *deceased* Odd Fellow the case would take a different phase; but being the *wife* of a *living* Odd Fellow, she has no claim upon the Lodge, except through her husband, in case he should be sick or destitute.

The money in the treasury of a Lodge is stamped as trust funds, only to be used for the legitimate objects of the Order. These legitimate objects are summed up in the Tract on Odd Fellowship as follows: "The peculiar office of a Subordinate Lodge is to provide the means to meet the claims of its sick and distressed members, to care for them properly during their illness, to bury the dead, to succor the widow, and to educate the orphan."—Digest, Sec. 507.

Decision 80. *Statement.*—A charter member of a Rebekah Lodge, which has been in existence twenty-four years, who is over sixty years of age, is granted a Withdrawal Card. At next meeting the Lodge votes to annul the card and pay from special contingent fund one year's dues for her in advance to round out her twenty-five years' membership so that she may then go on the non-contributing membership roll.

Q.—Is she now a member of the Lodge or does she have to appear and be reinstated according to the form for receiving members on Withdrawal Cards?

A.—The Lodge had the right to annul a live Withdrawal Card within one year after its issue, which action of itself reinstates her to membership, and she does not have to appear or do anything further to revest herself of all her rights, as a full-fledged member. Of course she cannot go on the non-contributing membership list until she has been a member continuously for twenty-five years. The interim of time while the card was in force did not, however, make any break in the continuance of her membership in the Order.

The Uses of Our Trust Funds.

There seems to be among some Lodges and some brothers a misconception of the uses to which the trust funds of our treasuries shall be put. The impression seems to be prevalent among some, that, after an Odd Fellow gets along in years, still maintaining his usual good health, and having grown-up children fully able to see that he or his wife do not suffer at all for any of the comforts or conveniences of life, that still his Lodge should support the aged brother and his wife, who are both in good health, from the trust funds in the treasury of the Lodge. Of course if such practices were largely carried on, they would render it impossible for a Lodge to fulfill its obligations to pay such sick and funeral benefits as the Lodges contract with their members to pay in their By-Laws. Of course, it must be understood that if grown-up sons who are able to do so, are unwilling to support their aged and indigent parents that the State statute law steps in to compel them to do so, as is their duty. Lodges are only supposed to care for such aged members, who are indigent, as have not able and willing relations to assist them.

The matter came forcibly to my attention last month, when one Lodge in one section of the State was complaining to me because of the position taken by one of our Lodges in another section of the State. After an investigation by me, I came to the conclusion that there was no room for criticism of the last named Lodge, and I record herewith my answer to the complaining Lodge sent by me through my District Deputy Grand Master, which matter I ask be referred to the Committee on Legislation for the correction of any errors therein. The letter was as follows:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 1, 1915.

Mr. ————, D.D.G.M., I. O. O. F.,
————, Connecticut.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed herewith I am returning to you letter of ——— Lodge to ——— Lodge, and letter of ——— Lodge to me through you which bears your endorsement of approval upon the back thereof, and which letter I suppose was written by ———, Secretary of ——— Lodge, although the letter does not bear any signature thereon, concerning the case of Brother ———, of ——— Lodge.

I gave the matter my prompt attention and made some personal investigations. I find that Brother ———, a member of ——— Lodge, lives at ——— with his wife. I find that he and his wife are not at present sick. His daughter, a widow, lives at ——— with her son, ———, our brother's grandson, who is nineteen or twenty years of age, and works in a factory in ———. Our brother has living in ——— a

son of perhaps forty-five years of age who has no children, and who has recently, within a year or two, been married.

It seems to be far from a case of destitute circumstances. If the aged brother and his wife are unable to provide for themselves, their grown-up children, who have no families of their own to provide for, ought to provide for them. In fact, that is the plain statute law of the State that children should be made to support their indigent parents. I am unable to find that they are in any need which their children cannot supply. It does not appear at all to be a case where the town would have to help the aged couple, as the selectmen of any town would first, before doing that, evoke the law and force the children to care for their own parents.

It strikes me that it is peculiarly a case that ——— Lodge should have the right to handle themselves, as one of pure charity. There certainly is no contractual obligation in the Laws of our Order requiring ——— Lodge to extend help in this case, if they do not voluntarily wish to do so as a donation. I have interviewed the son here, and he expresses himself as perfectly able and willing to care for his parents. The son says that his father never authorized any appeal to be made in his name to ——— Lodge, and I think that this is the truth.

The letter of ——— Lodge to ——— Lodge, under date of January 8, 1915, states that it has just paid out $600 for death benefits and about $400 for sick benefits, and that they must have an "eye out" for their treasury to endeavor to keep it in a condition to fulfil contractual obligations of the Lodge before scattering it too needlessly for uncalled-for charity, and I cannot myself see anything in that letter to criticize; and it seems to me that it was a courteous response to the letter from ——— Lodge to ——— Lodge. ——— Lodge, just about that time, sent a ten-dollar donation to Brother ———.

I have talked the situation over with a committee from ——— Lodge, who courteously called upon me at my request. I do not see that there is any further official action by me needed at this time. There is, of course, such a thing as a Lodge doing wrongly in extending too freely and too generously needless charity at the expense of its treasury, putting the Lodge in a position where it will be unable to fulfill its agreement with its members as to the payment of sick and funeral benefits. It may be that Brother ———, or the members of ——— Lodge, have a wrong notion as to the uses of a treasury of an Odd Fellows Lodge.

With kindest regards and best wishes to yourself and to the good members of ——— Lodge, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,

Grand Master.

Some Illegal Practices.

Through some disagreements that arose, it was brought to my attention that there were some illegal practices being carried on under the cloak of our Order. This I corrected in meetings with committees and in official letters and in printed circulars, and I am pleased to say that I have received assurances now from different parts of the State that all such unlawful procedure has been eliminated and done away with. The following letter containing statement and questions from

me to the Grand Sire, and his decisions and rulings thereon addressed to me under date of February 5, 1915, are published for the information and guidance of all, as follows:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., January 25, 1915.

Honorable Robert T. Daniel,
Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., of the World,
Griffin, Georgia.

MY DEAR JUDGE DANIEL:—The Rebekah Past Noble Grands of this Jurisdiction have a practice of forming into associations in different sections of the State inter-related with each other by a common password, etc., which practices they brought here from Massachusetts, where they have been indulged in for some time back. I have ordered all such practices discontinued in this State, and the sisters seem much incensed to think they cannot do in Connecticut what is, and has been, done for many years openly in Massachusetts by the sisters there.

Would you be so kind as to make decisions or rulings or answers to the following questions which I propound to you:

Statement.—The Rebekah Past Noble Grands of Connecticut have, in different cities and sections of Connecticut, associations composed of Rebekah Past Noble Grands, which they term "Past Noble Grands Associations," as "The Elm City Past Noble Grands Association," "The Katherine Past Noble Grands Association," etc. These associations are inter-related with each other by a common password which is changed each term and which is prescribed respectively in turn by each association. Said word covers all such associations in the State. Said associations also have a secret sign and a degree or initiation of new members and an installation ceremony for the induction of their officers into office. They adopt official pins or emblems to wear which designate their membership in such associations. They restrict their membership to Past Noble Grands of the Rebekah branch of the I. O. O. F.; and they only take in such Past Noble Grands as they desire to associate with—debarring the others by the use of the ballot box and the black ball, so that while Past Noble Grands, only, are eligible, still even those that are eligible have to successfully encounter a vote of the members before they can join. And such associations have other secret work.

Questions.—Have such associations any legal right—

(1) To use the name "Past Noble Grands Association" or the letters, "I. O. O. F.," either;

(2) To use a secret password;

(3) To have an initiation ceremony or degree;

(4) To have on officers' installation ceremony;

(5) To restrict their membership to Rebekah Past Noble Grands;

(6) To employ or use a ballot box or a vote upon the applications of Past Noble Grands who desire to join and to blackball or refuse admission to such as they do not desire, although qualified by rank;

(7) To use an official pin or emblem which the members wear to designate their membership in such association and which contains the letters or initials "P.N.G.," etc.;

(8) To employ or use any secret practices whatsoever of whatever kind.

Awaiting the kindness of your answers to the above eight numbered questions, and thanking you in advance for your goodness in rendering such eight decisions for my official guidance, I beg to remain, with the very greatest respect,

Yours, very fraternally, in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

GRIFFIN, GA., February 5, 1915.

Mr. Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master,
Bridgeport, Conn.

MY DEAR BROTHER STEVENSON:—Your letter submitting a statement of fact in regard to the Rebekah Past Noble Grands Associations, and asking for a decision on the same, received. Attached to this letter you will find my decision on the question.

With fraternal goods wishes, I am sincerely yours,

ROBERT T. DANIEL,
Grand Sire.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER OF CONNECTICUT, HENRY C. STEVENSON.

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Question.—Have such associations any legal right—

(1) To use the name "Past Noble Grands Association," or the letters, "I. O. O. F.," either?

Answer.—As above constituted, no. Past Noble Grands can organize an association for social purposes, membership in which must be open to all Past Noble Grands.

(2) To use a secret password?

Answer.—No.

(3) To have an initiation ceremony or degree?

Answer.—No. These can only be provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

(4) To have on official installation ceremony?

Answer.—No.

(5) To restrict their membership to Rebekah Past Noble Grands?

Answer.—As constituted the organization is illegal, and cannot be recognized by the Order. The restricting of membership to members of the Order makes it illegal, as it is an effort to organize a side degree, which cannot be done except by the S. G. L.

(6) To employ or use a ballot box or a vote upon the applications of Past Noble Grands who desire to join, and to blackball, or refuse admission, to such as they do not desire, although qualified by rank?

Answer.—As the organization is illegal, this law or rule is illegal.

(7) To use an official pin or emblem which the members wear to designate their membership in such association, and which contains the letters or initials, "P.N.G.," etc.?

Answer.—The only pin or emblem recognized by the Order are those prepared and sold, or authorized to be sold, by the S. G. L.

(8) To employ or use any secret practices whatsoever of whatever kind?

Answer.—The associations as constituted are illegal, and their acts and practices are illegal.

ROBERT T. DANIEL,
Grand Sire.

Releases.

The following Releases of Jurisdiction were granted by me upon proper requests therefor:

May 29, 1914—To Albert D. Pierce, G.M., Rhode Island, for Narragansett Lodge, No. 7, of Westerly, R. I., over Edwin E. Chapman and Stephen Brown, both of Stonington, Conn.

November 24, 1914—To Albert D. Pierce, G.M., Rhode Island, for Hope Rebekah Lodge, of Westerly, R. I., over Ida A. Sutcliffe and Mary E. Dugnid, both of Stonington, Conn.

Releases Received.

Releases of Jurisdiction were duly received by me upon application therefor as follows:

August 5, 1914—From Herschel L. Gardner, G.M., New York, over Walter Newman, of Fisher's Island, N. Y., in favor of Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, of New London.

August 8, 1914—From William M. Walker, G.M., Massachusetts, over Laurits C. Petersen, Carl Andersen, and Hans J. Thyregood, all of Springfield, in favor of Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, of Hartford.

October 20, 1914—From Thomas W. McKnight, G.M., New York, over Ira E. Lowe, of Fisher's Island, N. Y., in favor of Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, of New London.

October 22, 1914—From James Bennett, G.M., Massachusetts, over Kristian Jensen Thyregood, of Springfield, Mass., in favor of Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, of Hartford.

December 16, 1914—From Thomas W. McKnight, G.M. New York, over William Coleman, of Fisher's Island, N. Y., in favor of Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New London.

January 22, 1915—From Thomas W. McKnight, G.M., New York, over Peter Osman, Jr., of Fisher's Island, N. Y., in favor of Stonington Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Mystic, Conn.

April 24, 1915—From Albert D. Pierce, G.M., Rhode Island, over Edward S. Randall and Arthur E. Bushnell, both of Foster, R. I., in favor of Quinebaug Lodge, of Danielson, Conn.

Dispensations Granted.

The following Dispensations were duly granted by me upon proper application therefor, approved by the District Deputy Grand Masters:

May 23, 1914—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold a series of socials and dances during summer of 1914.

June 16, 1914—Ridgely Lodge, No. 51, to hold special degree work meetings on June 19th and 30th for purpose only of working First and Third Degrees, respectively. No balloting or business of any kind except degree work to be done at said two special meetings, providing proper majority vote of Lodge is had to hold such meetings.

June 18, 1914—Hartford Lodge, No. 82, to hold a bazaar and fair from October 12th to 18th, inclusive, 1914.

June 18, 1914—Wauseon Lodge, No. 32, to wear regalia at memorial service and on march to cemetery on June 21, 1914.

June 26, 1914—Phenix Lodge, No. 52, to continue the club known as the "Phenix Guard Club."

June 26, 1914—King David Lodge, No. 31, to wear regalia on Memorial Sunday, June 28, 1914.

June 29, 1914, L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, to hold a public installation on July 13, 1914.

July 3, 1914—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to hold a moonlight sail on July 10, 1914.

July 24, 1914—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to hold a series of dances and entertainments during the fall and winter of 1914.

July 29, 1914—Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, to hold a series of entertainments such as lawn parties, dances, roll calls, etc., between August 1, 1914, and July 1, 1915.

July 29, 1914—Fairview Lodge, No. 101, to hold a picnic at the Poquonnoc Driving Park on August 20, 1914.

July 29, 1914—Bell Lodge, No. 54, to participate in an "Old Home Day" and carnival at East Hampton, on August 1, 1914.

August 7, 1914—Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, to hold a picnic with Pequot Lodge, No. 85, I. O. O. F., at Golden Spur on August 13, 1914.

August 11, 1914—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to hold a picnic in conjunction with Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F., on August 13, 1914.

August 22, 1914—Crescent Lodge, No. 25, to hold a series of card parties, dances, and entertainments between this date and until May 1, 1915.

September 17, 1914—Elm Lodge, No. 53, to hold a series of dances from October, 1914, to May, 1915.

September 17, 1914—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold divine worship in the Manchester Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 4, 1914, in regalia.

September 29, 1914—Centennial Lodge, No. 100, to hold a fair from November 28 to December 5, 1914, and a series of entertainments during winter of 1914 and 1915.

October 3, 1914—Oronoque Lodge, No. 90, to hold a series of entertainments and whists between October, 1914, and April, 1915.

October 10, 1914—Monitor Lodge, No. 38, to hold a fifteenth anniversary concert and ball on October 10, 1914.

October 15, 1914—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold a series of socials and dances between this date and May, 1915.

October 19, 1914—Palisado Lodge, No. 23, to hold a series of whists and setback card tournaments between October 15, 1914, and May 1, 1915; and a dance November 25, 1914.

October 22, 1914—To the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, Connecticut, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Manville, to solicit from Rebekah Lodges of Connecticut, money and articles to be used as gifts at Christmas time to the residents of the I. O. O. F. Home at Groton, Conn.

October 22, 1914—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold an entertainment and dance on October 27, 1914.

October 23, 1914—Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, to hold a series of entertainments from November 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

October 27, 1914—Montewese Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., to hold a dance in Academy Hall, New Haven, on November 20, 1914.

November 2, 1914—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to enter an indoor baseball team in a City League under the name of "Pequot Lodge, No. 85, I. O. O. F.," during the winter months.

November 3, 1914—Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, to hold a dance in Republican Hall, New Haven, on November 3, 1914.

November 5, 1914—Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, to take their regalia to New Haven, Conn., where they will exemplify the First Degree for Relief Lodge, No. 86, on November 9, 1914.

November 21, 1914—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold a social and dance on November 25, 1914.

November 21, 1914—Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 15, to elect and install Vice Grand of no previous service because of refusal of all qualified persons to serve.

November 23, 1914—Ridgely Lodge, No. 51, to put on the work of the Third Degree, or Priestly Order, on Monday evening, November 30, 1914, without doing any business of any kind except the ceremonies of the Ritual for Third Degree work.

December 4, 1914—Central Lodge, No. 12, to take regalia and paraphernalia to jurisdiction of Pacific Lodge, No. 87, Meriden, Conn., where the degree team of Central Lodge will confer the First Degree on December 9, 1914.

December 11, 1914—Thames Lodge, No. 22, to hold a public installation on January 12, 1915.

December 15, 1914—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, to hold an entertainment and dance at the Casino, State Street, Bridgeport, on February 10, 1915.

December 15, 1914—Obwebetuck Lodge, No. 16, to participate in a bowling tournament with Y. M. C. A., to be known as "I. O. O. F. Team," during the winter of 1914-1915.

December 15, 1914—Svea Lodge, No. 40, to hold a Christmas festival at Hermansohn's Hall, 158 Crown Street, New Haven, on December 26, 1914.

December 17, 1914—Venona Rebekah Lodge, No. 46, to elect a Vice Grand from the floor without previous service or qualification, because all qualified members refused to serve.

December 24, 1914—Sylvan Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, to hold a public installation on January 4, 1915.

December 29, 1914—Accanant Lodge, No. 71, to hold a public installation, whist and box lunch on January 12, 1915.

December 31, 1914—Bell Lodge, No. 54, to hold a public installation on January 11, 1915.

December 31, 1914—Unity Rebekah Lodge, No. 54, to remove Guard suits and swords from their hall to be used for installation purposes on January 2, 12 and 15, 1915.

January 4, 1915—Welcome Rebekah Lodge, No. 47, to elect and install as Noble Grand, Sister Jennie Nichols, without qualified previous service, all qualified sisters having declined.

January 7, 1915—Anchor Rebekah Lodge, No. 48, to elect and install Sister Irene M. Young as Vice Grand without previous qualifying service, provided first that all qualified sisters decline.

January 8, 1915—Bell Lodge, No. 54, to attend an Odd Fellows service at the Congregational Church in regalia on January 17, 1915.

January 9, 1915—Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 32, to hold a public installation on February 3, 1915.

January 11, 1915—Accanant Lodge, No. 71, to hold a public installation and entertainment on January 26, 1915.

January 14, 1915—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, to hold a public installation, to be followed by a dance, on January 21, 1915.

January 19, 1915—Connecticut Lodge, No. 93, to hold a series of dances, the first to be held on January 28, 1915.

January 20, 1915—Freundschaft Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to install Sister Sarah Sziller as Vice Grand, she not being qualified by reason of previous service, all qualified nominees having declined to accept.

January 26, 1915—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold a celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary on January 29, 1915.

February 3, 1915—Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, to hold a series of entertainments, dances, card parties, etc., from February 1, 1915, to May 20, 1915.

February 3, 1915—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to hold a series of games and entertainments during months of February and March, 1915.

February 11, 1915—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to hold a series of dances and entertainments between this date and May 19, 1915.

February 15, 1915—Rising Star Lodge, No. 49, to hold a series of dances and entertainments to May 1, 1915.

February 19, 1915—Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, to hold a regular meeting in the Town Hall on March 11, 1915.

February 22, 1915—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, to hold a social and dance on February 27, 1915.

February 22, 1915—Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, to visit Butler Lodge, No. 97, I. O. O. F., at South Norwalk, Conn., taking paraphernalia to work a degree on Wednesday evening, February 24, 1915.

February 26, 1915—Mechanics Lodge, No. 73, to take their paraphernalia to Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., at Derby, Conn., to work a degree on Monday evening, March 1, 1915.

February 27, 1915—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold a concert and dance on Thursday evening, March 4, 1915.

February 27, 1915—Harmony Lodge, No. 5, to hold a series of dances from March 1, 1915, to May 19, 1915.

March 2, 1915—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, to move their paraphernalia to New Milford for the purpose of conferring the First Degree for Good Shepherd Lodge on Thursday evening, March 11, 1915.

March 6, 1915—Summit Lodge, No. 45, to confer the First Degree for Rising Star Lodge, No. 49, of Rockville, Conn., and to take their regalia, on March 15, 1915.

March 8, 1915—Croswell Lodge, No. 39, to hold a series of dances and entertainments between March 8, 1915, and May 19, 1915.

March 19, 1915—Monitor Lodge, No. 38, to hold an entertainment and whist on March 31, 1915.

March 22, 1915—Connecticut Lodge, No. 93, to hold a public celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on or about April 25 and 26, 1919.

March 22, 1915—Summit Lodge, No. 45, to hold a public celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on or about April 25 and 26, 1919.

March 22, 1915—Hartford Lodge, No. 82, to hold a public celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on or about the 25th and 26th of April, 1919.

March 22, 1915—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold a public celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on or about April 25 and 26, 1919.

March 26, 1915—Israel Putnam Lodge, No. 33, to hold a special meeting in Union Hall for the purpose of working the Third Degree in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of this Lodge on April 17, 1915.

April 1, 1915—Quinebaug Lodge, No. 34, to hold a public procession in Danielson on April 9, 1915.

April 3, 1915—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, to hold a public celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on or about April 25 and 26, 1919.

April 3, 1915—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, to hold a social and dance on April 8, 1915.

April 5, 1915—City Lodge, No. 36, to hold an entertainment and dance on April 14, 1915.

April 8, 1915—Adelphian Lodge, No. 80, to take their paraphernalia to New Haven to Relief Lodge, No. 86, to work the First Degree for Relief Lodge on April 12, 1915.

April 9, 1915—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to hold a series of entertainments during the month of April and until May 15, 1915.

April 12, 1915—Scandia Lodge, No. 44, to visit Andree Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., at New Britain, Conn., taking paraphernalia to work the Third Degree on Wednesday evening, April 21, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Harmony Lodge, No. 5, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Montewese Lodge, No. 15, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—City Lodge, No. 36, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Croswell Lodge, No. 39, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Svea Lodge, No. 40, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Polar Star Lodge, No. 77, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 15, 1915—Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, to hold memorial day exercises and parade on June 6, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Palisado Lodge, No. 23, to hold banquet in honor of their twelfth anniversary on April 22, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Pacific Lodge, No. 87, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Hancock Lodge, No. 28, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Scandia Lodge, No. 44, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Rachel Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Eintracht Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Anchor Rebekah Lodge, No. 48, to hold a celebration and give an exhibition drill in honor of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Order, in the Meriden Auditorium on May 5, 1915.

April 19, 1915—Clifton Lodge, No. 30, to hold a series of whist parties and dances between this date and May 19, 1915.

April 20, 1915—Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary and entertain Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, of Bridgeport, at Foot Guard Armory, Hartford, on April 27, 1915.

April 20, 1915—Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, to participate in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, at Hartford in April, 1919.

April 20, 1915—Isabelle Rebekah Lodge, No. 23, to elect Sister Tena Spencer (who as Vice Grand served the majority of the nights of a term and then was obliged to resign on account of ill health) as Noble Grand in place of Sister Gates, resigned. Granted in order to legalize her election and installation, already accomplished.

April 21, 1915—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold a concert and dance on April 22, 1915.

April 21, 1915—Svea Lodge, No. 40, to hold an entertainment at their Lodge room, 95 Crown Street, New Haven, on April 26, 1915.

April 21, 1915—Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, to visit Mechanics Lodge, No. 73 (Seymour), to work the Second Degree, taking their paraphernalia with them, on April 27, 1915.

April 21, 1915—Wooster Lodge, No. 37, to attend divine service at Congregational Church, meet at hall and march to church in body, wearing regalia, on April 25, 1915.

April 21, 1915—Wooster Lodge, No. 37, to hold an anniversary entertainment on April 26, 1915.

Dispensations Refused.

The following Dispensations were applied for by Lodges and others and were refused by me because of no authority vested in me to grant them:

December 4, 1914—Aquilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, to change night of meeting.

December 9, 1914—"The I. O. O. F. Club" of New Haven, to hold a dance.

December 14, 1914—"The Guards of Harris Lodge," of Bridgeport, to give a dance.

January 12, 1915—Rising Star Lodge, No. 49, to elect and install a Treasurer for a period of one year, or two terms.

January 26, 1915—King David Lodge, No. 31, to change hour of meeting.

March 31, 1915—Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, to elect candidates at a special meeting; and to receive applications and ballot at same regular meeting.

Official Visitations.

The following Official Visitations were made by me upon invitations duly extended to me and accepted:

June 9, 1914—Pequonnock Lodge, Bridgeport, reception to the Grand Master. Present: Grand Treasurer, Grand Guardian, Past Grand Representatives Marigold, J. W. Camp, Wedge, Reynolds, and Canfield.

June 11, 1914—Charity Rebekah Lodge, Bridgeport, reception and entertainment to Grand Master and Fidelity Rebekah and Adelphian Lodges. Fine program and refreshments.

June 21, 1914—New Britain, joint Lodges, memorial services at the South Congregational Church. Address given by Rev. Charles H. Smith, Grand Chaplain, and remarks by Grand Master. Splendid service and fine attendance.

July 1, 1914—Adelphian Lodge, Bridgeport, reception to Grand Master and installation. Present were Grand Treasurer Challenger and Grand Guardian Meyer.

July 15, 1914—Pequabock Lodge, Bristol, installation and banquet.

August 13, 1914—Ontario Grand Lodge at Toronto, with Grand Secretary Hutchison.

August 18 and 19, 1914—New York Grand Lodge at New York, with Grand Secretary Hutchison.

September 2, 1914—Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Boston, with Grand Secretary Hutchison.

September 3, 1914—Seventy-fifth anniversary of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, at New Haven; banquet at Hotel Garde.

September 16, 1914—Evening Star Rebekah Lodge, of Stratford, degree and banquet.

September 30, 1914—Adelphian Lodge, Bridgeport, entertainment, banquet, and dance for Charity Rebekah Lodge.

October 10, 1914—Monitor Lodge, Bridgeport, fifteenth anniversary. Concert and ball.

October 14, 1914—New Hampshire Grand Lodge at Laconia, with Grand Secretary Hutchison.

October 15, 1914—Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, Bridgeport. Guests were Charity Rebekah Lodge and Adelphian Lodge. Fine musical program, refreshments, and dance.

October 15, 1914—Stratfield Encampment, Bridgeport. Entertainment for all Odd Fellows of Bridgeport.

October 19 and 20, 1914—Connecticut Grand Encampment at Stamford.

October 21, 1914—Maine Grand Lodge at Portland, with Grand Secretary.

October 22, 1914—Charity Rebekah Lodge, Bridgeport. Degree before Grand Officers and Rebekah Assembly Officers, preceded by turkey supper.

October 24, 1914—Meeting Board of Managers of Odd Fellows Home Corporation at New Haven.

November 5, 1914—Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, Bridgeport. Degree before Grand Officers and Rebekah Assembly Officers, preceded by splendid supper.

November 7, 1914—Miriam Rebekah Lodge, Hartford. Delicious supper and degree before Grand Officers and Rebekah Assembly Officers.

November 16, 1914—Steuben Lodge, Bridgeport. Entertainment and supper.

November 18, 1914—New Jersey Grand Lodge at Trenton, with Grand Secretary Hutchison. Grand Sire Daniel present.

December 4, 1914—Eureka Rebekah Lodge at South Norwalk. Degree work and supper.

January 1, 1915—I. O. O. F. Home, "Fairview." Christmas gifts and entertainment arranged by Rebekah Lodges of State. Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Chairman. Wallace Johnson as Santa Claus. All residents remembered. Minstrel show.

January 5, 1915—Mechanics Lodge, Seymour. Grand Officers for turkey supper and exemplification of the Second Degree.

January 28, 1915—Portchester, N. Y. Occasion of conferring Grand Decoration of Chivalry on P.N.G. Kirschbaum by General Burney, P.M., at Canton Sanders. Irving Lodge present, and Rebekahs, and Grand Master McKnight, of New York; Grand Representative Trautman, of New York; Grand Secretary Walker, of New York; Grand Secretary Hutchison, of Connecticut, and Grand Patriarch Buck, of Connecticut.

January 29, 1915—Silver anniversary of King David Lodge at South Manchester. Fine assemblage of splendid people. Delicious turkey supper and musical entertainment.

February 9, 1914—Forty-first anniversary of Freundschaft Rebekah Lodge at Bridgeport. Musical entertainment and banquet.

February 10, 1915—Dance and entertainment of the Guards Association of Samuel H. Harris Lodge at Casino Ball Room in Bridgeport.

February 22, 1915—Veteran Association, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut. Annual meeting and banquet at Bridgeport.

March 12, 1915—Annual roll call. Flag presentation. First Degree and banquet at Oronoque Lodge at Stratford.

March 16, 1915—Harmony Rebekah Lodge, Bridgeport. Degree upon ten candidates, and supper.

March 17, 1915—Annual meeting of Corporators of Odd Fellows Home Corporation at New Haven.

April 12, 1915—Relief Lodge at New Haven. Visit of Adelphian Lodge degree team, which worked the First Degree in a magnificent manner.

April 17, 1915—Israel Putnam Lodge at Putnam. Silver anniversary. Visitors, Quinebaug and Protection Lodges, and Quinsigimund Lodge, of Worcester, Mass., which exemplified the Degree of Truth. Fine banquet for all.

April 21, 1915—Rebekah State Assembly at Waterbury.

April 26, 1915—"Donation Day" and "Anniversary Day" at Odd Fellows Home, "Fairview," at Groton, Conn.; also meeting of Board of Managers.

April 27, 1915—"Diamond" (75th) anniversary of Charter Oak Lodge, at Hartford. Banquet and musical entertainment at Foot Guard Armory. Honorable Clifford B. Wilson, Lieutenant-Governor, of Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, present. Samuel H. Harris Lodge members from Bridgeport, special guests.

May 5, 1915—Anniversary banquet by Central Lodge at Middletown.

Official Proclamations and Circular Letters.

The correspondence of the office of Grand Master is quite large and requires considerable time, but I have endeavored at all times to be prompt and punctual in answering and attending to letters sent to me as Grand Master, so that no delay can be laid at my door in any instance. A great fault is with the inquiring brothers and Lodges, who, in the majority of instances, wait until the last minute before writing to the Grand Master for information and then want the answer before it is even possible in the course of the swiftest mail to bring it to them.

The following official proclamations and circular letters have been issued by me during the course of the year, and I ask that they be referred to the Committee on Legislation in order that so much of my instructions and interpretations of the Laws as are correct may be approved, and such therein as is incorrect may be explained and amended for the information of our brotherhood:

No. 1—1914 Memorial Day Proclamation.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn.

To the Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, Greeting:

In accordance with the proclamation of C. A. Keller, Grand Sire, Tuesday, June 9th, has been selected as a day for appropriate services

in memory of our departed brothers and sisters; and I hereby request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in this Jurisdiction to set apart a day nearest June 9th, most convenient, to be appropriately observed with suitable memorial recognition, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the departed brothers and sisters.

If we live up to the noble principles of our beloved Order, we will make, all of us, good citizens, good fathers and mothers, good parents and children, good husbands and wives, as well as good neighbors and good towns-people.

It would seem to be a fitting time, at the time of our annual memorial exercises and decoration of the graves of our deceased members, that we should examine ourselves separately, each for himself, and see if we are living up thoroughly on a par with the tenets of our Order;—that we should meditate upon our faults of the past, and make a firm resolve to make a true endeavor to strive to better our future conduct, with a steadfast resolution to increase in grace as our life is lengthened and as we approach that time whence we must appear before the Grand Master of the Universe, with our true character there revealed to its uttermost, and answer then for our derelictions. The virtues of a true life, and high and noble character, cannot be too highly commended or too eagerly sought for.

As we contemplate the virtues of those of our good members who have gone, and who, in their short lives here, exemplified the true godly spirit, and the true fraternal spirit, let us strive to so live our lives as Odd Fellows, that the world may see, and understand more, the sublime practices and worth of our beloved Order, so that all good and worthy citizens may be found knocking at our door for admission. Our attentions to our dead, and the decorations of their graves, will further show that we hold in loving remembrance those of our members who have gone and who led good lives; and cannot fail to invoke favorable comment from the outside world, thereby benefiting our great and broad Odd Fellowship. I pray God to bless all the brothers and sisters of Connecticut.

Done at the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, this 23rd day of May, A.D. 1914, and of our Order the Ninety-fifth year.

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, C. A. Keller, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under the various Jurisdictions of the Order that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 9th day of June, 1914, and engage in appropriate services respecting their dead members, such services to be

conducted in an appropriate manner; *provided*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Jurisdiction to hold such memorial services, the Grand Master thereof may select such day, and the Grand Master may issue his proclamation in accordance therewith.

Information of the decease of the following prominent and representative members of the Order has been received since our last Memorial Day, viz.:

British Columbia—April 26, 1912, Edward Quennell, Past Grand Representative; aged 66 years.

————March 13, 1913, A. W. Scoullar, Past Grand Representative; aged 60 years.

————February 14, 1914, Daniel Welsh, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

————November 25, 1913, T. M. Muir, Past Grand Representative; aged 47 years.

Colorado—March 3, 1914, Richard Nicholson, Past Grand Representative; aged 62 years.

Connecticut—April 18, 1913, Henry O. Wood, Past Grand Representative; aged 60 years.

————May 2, 1913, Eugene F. Weston, Past Grand Representative; aged 62 years.

————March 29, 1914, John H. Kenney, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.

District of Columbia—January 5, 1914, Joseph Burroughs, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

Illinois—January 18, 1914, William Rogers Humphrey, Past Grand Representative; aged 53 years.

————September 29, 1912, Charles M. Lytle, Past Grand Representative; aged 60 years.

———— ————, Charles W. Heaton, Past Grand Representative.

Kansas—August 31, 1913, John Martin, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

————August 19, 1913, A. L. Voorhis, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

Kentucky—October 26, 1913, John C. Underwood, Past Grand Sire; aged 73 years.

————August 19, 1912, H. L. Newell, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

Maritime Provinces————, John A. Fuller, Past Grand Representative.

Maryland—November 15, 1913, Charles W. Banthem, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

Massachusetts—August 15, 1913, George B. Hamlin, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

————August 16, 1913, Austin S. Esty, Past Grand Representative; aged 67 years.

Missouri—May 28, 1913, Henry Cadle, Past Grand Representative; aged 61 years.

————February 21, 1914, Jacob F. Gmelich, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

Nebraska—January 20, 1914, P. C. Johnson, Past Grand Representative; aged 77 years.

————February 28, 1914, J. E. Morrison, Past Grand Representative; aged 65 years.
————March 7, 1914, D. A. Cline, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

New Hampshire—December 21, 1913, George A. Robie, Past Grand Representative, aged 73 years.

North Dakota—August 16, 1913, A. M. Packard, Past Grand Representative; aged 54 years.

Ohio—December 26, 1913, William S. Bell, Past Grand Representative; aged 61 years.
————February 3, 1914, E. K. Wilcox, Past Grand Representative.
————March 26, 1914, John L. McKinney, Past Grand Representative.

Oklahoma—May 5, 1913, N. G. Turk, Past Grand Representative; aged 53 years.

Ontario—June 26, 1913, R. K. Cowan, Past Grand Representative.
————January 22, 1914, T. W. Jolliffe, Past Grand Representative.

Rhode Island—August 3, 1913, George H. Olney, Past Grand Representative; aged 87 years.
————November 6, 1913, Joseph M. Metcalf, Grand Representative, aged 51 years.

South Dakota—October 4, 1913, D. S. Waldo, Past Grand Representative; aged 77 years.
————June 13, 1913, R. B. Jones, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.

Vermont—May 25, 1913, L. J. Brown, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.

Virginia—August 24, 1913, W. T. Baldwin, Past Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

Washington—February 19, 1914, Zell M. Beebe, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.

West Virginia—July 5, 1913, J. C. Wilson, Past Grand Representative; aged 59 years.
————March 6, 1914, John B. Stone, Past Grand Representative; aged 45 years.

Wisconsin—December 21, 1913, James W. Ostrander, Past Grand Representative; aged 88 years.

Done at the City of San Antonio, State of Texas, this ninth day of April, 1914, and of our Order the Ninety-fifth year.

C. A. KELLER, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

No. 2—JUNE INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBORDINATE DEPUTIES.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., June 11, 1914.

Brother....., D.D.G.M., District No....., I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating these

words to the proper officials, you will return this copy to this office without fail.

You will instruct the Noble Grand of each Lodge that he is responsible for the Rituals, and that they must be in the Lodge room every meeting night. You will impress upon him that he must not allow any of them out of his possession without his making a record of the name of the brother taking it and the time given out.

See to it that the Lodges in your District are conducted every session in a dignified manner, and that due respect is shown at all times to the Noble Grand as the presiding officer of the Lodge, and that the gavel, as the emblem of authority, is always obeyed promptly. Members on addressing the Noble Grand, either to make motions or otherwise, should always respectfully arise in their place before addressing the Noble Grand.

The Order in the Jurisdiction of Connecticut is in splendid condition and made a very distinct and highly satisfactory gain in membership during the past Grand Lodge year. Of course, we do not want quantity in members at the expense of quality: we want only such new members as will make good Odd Fellows in spirit and in truth. There is plenty of good material from which to mold many new Odd Fellows within the jurisdiction of every Subordinate Lodge in Connecticut, if the members will only do their friends and neighbors and fellow-townsmen the favor to bring to their attention the merits and worth of Odd Fellowship.

I was much gratified last week at the meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters at New Haven at the large attendance of the District Deputies, as well as their earnest attention to the business of the session. I feel that much good resulted from the meeting.

Strive to promote harmony and good feeling among the Lodges and members. Endeavor to smooth out, so far as is possible, all little frictions and contentions, and in this way "nip in the bud" matters which might, otherwise, grow in size and prove troublesome to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, and detrimental to the best interests of our worthy fraternity.

I look to you personally for results along the lines of both harmony and growth within your District, and expect that the outcome of the year's work in your District will be satisfying and gratifying, and with many thanks to you in advance for what I well know will be conscientious and well-directed efforts for the coming year, I beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Very fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 3—June Instructions to Rebekah Deputies.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 11, 1914.

Sister....., D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No....., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sister:—Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating these words to the proper officials, you will please return this copy to this office without fail.

Instruct the Noble Grand that it is her duty to have all Rituals in the Lodge room at all meetings, and inform her that she will be held responsible for the Rituals, and that she must not allow them to go out of her possession without first making a record of the name of the member taking them and the date given out.

Both the attendance and the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters at the session at New Haven last week were very gratifying to me. They showed an earnest interest in the work of the Order. I believe that the meeting was productive of much good, and feel that the Order in Connecticut ought to feel proud of, and gratified at, the splendid band of District Deputy Grand Masters who have in charge the Rebekah Degree Lodges for the ensuing Grand Lodge year. The year cannot but help under such auspices to prove a meritorious one, both in growth and in harmony. The more members that you can get to attend meetings and take active part in the work does so much more to make the grand work of the Rebekah Degree prosper. I fully expect to hear great results from your District during the coming term.

In advance I herewith wish to extend to you my thanks and appreciation for your services as a representative of your Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge, and as the official immediately in charge of the Rebekah Lodges in your District. Strive to smooth over any little frictions or lack of harmony that may exist, and endeavor to remedy in their incipiency and infancy any little trouble that may be started up. Try to overcome, so far as possible, any cliques or factions in the Lodges in your District, so that they may all operate strongly together for the best interests of the best fraternity in the whole world, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

With very best wishes for a most prosperous year for the Rebekah Lodges in your District, I beg to remain,

Very fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 4—Neutrality Concerning War, and Our Membership.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn., September 14, 1914.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

My Dear Brothers:—In these critical world-trying times, during which it almost seems at times that civilization is going backward instead of forward, I believe that the principles taught by Odd Fellowship are destined to play an important part in the coming events of the next few years. As it is darkest before the dawn, and roughest before the calm, and most contentious before peace, so it may be that the world is nearer than we now imagine or can conceive toward that period of time and advancement in world affairs to which all good Odd Fellows of our Independent Order look forward and teach—when one law shall bind all nations and peoples, and that one law shall be "The Law of Universal Brotherhood."

In this strenuous period through which the world is passing, at a time such as this, a good, obedient, law-abiding citizen reaches his highest value to the community in which he lives. Every good Odd Fellow is a good citizen in his community. The President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, is a patriotic American and a good safe counselor to his people in these troublesome times abroad. He has asked us in a proclamation issued from Washington to adopt a strictly neutral course and to observe all the laws of neutrality as laid down by the best teachings. He pleads with us to refrain from arguing the great European conflict and from taking sides therein: such a course being best conducive to the safe, independently friendly attitude of this great country of ours toward all the belligerents or warring peoples. Let us wisely follow the just admonitions of our Chief Magistrate and let us strive to curb our tongues from saying bitter things concerning any of the nations or peoples now at war upon the continent of Europe or elsewhere. Good Odd Fellows will be among the first and foremost to obey the instructions of our peace-loving President.

Let not the walls of an Odd Fellows' Lodge harbor any bickerings or contentions concerning the aims, objects, or operations of the warring nations who are all upon terms of friendship with our own country. Let Odd Fellows show that they respect the neutral position of our country and the eminent stand of our President for an unbiased and impartial course. Let us blow as loud as we can the horn of our own country and encourage, so far as we are able, our business and enterprises, not going out of our way to harm by criticism or abuse any of the citizens or races of other countries or nations. Remember, that Odd Fellowship is large and broad and extensive, with Lodges and members in many foreign climes, all working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We have in our own Connecticut Lodges the representatives of many nations and creeds. Let us bridle our tongues and not offend.

In times of depression and business slackness are especially the periods, for their own welfare and that of their families, when our members should make a special, strenuous effort to keep up their dues and remain in good standing so that if sickness or accident unfortunately befall them, they may not find themselves out of benefits as well as out of work because they are not in good standing, being in arrears for dues. So that I sincerely counsel my brothers to make every effort to keep themselves in good standing upon the books of their Lodge, so that if the day of sickness or disability comes to them, it will not be necessary for their Lodge to say them "Nay" because of their arrearages for dues. The greatest loss that our membership sustains is from suspensions for non-payment of dues, but in addition to those actually suspended because of their being so far in arrears, there are unfortunately many, many brothers who, while not so far in arrears as to be suspended, are still continually just far enough in arrears as to be non-beneficial, which is an injustice to their families. Let us not only strive to keep our own dues up, but endeavor to get our fellow-members to do likewise, and thus let us all keep beneficial during this important period.

We have over 24,000 members in Connecticut to-day, having made a good net gain in membership of 460 for the first half of the year. Our gain in assets for that period was over $13,000, making our total assets to-day over $922,000. We relieved during that period over 1,500 brothers to whom we paid about 13,000 weeks' benefits in Connecticut alone. Let us urge the value of membership in our Order and of the benefit to be derived from an inculcation of our teachings upon fellow-

citizens in our community of good moral character who would be an addition to our Order and who would be found knocking at our door, and knocking loudly, if they only knew of the great merits of this noble fraternity of ours, now the largest and best fraternal organization in the world. Let us all do our part to spread our teachings and our benefits upon more of the human race who are now in darkness as to our benefits and teachings.

With very best wishes for the success of your Lodge and its members in all the good things of life, believe me,

Yours very fraternally in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 5—The Grand Sire's Coming Visit to Connecticut.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn.

To the Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, Greeting:

The enclosed appended Proclamation of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is hereby published to the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Connecticut, and the members thereof, for their information, instruction, and guidance.

The new Grand Sire, Honorable Robert T. Daniel, who will be the supreme head of our Order for the world for the coming two years, is a resident and citizen of the State of Georgia. He is a Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Georgia. Judge Daniel is a typical Southern gentleman of the highest character, ability, and worth, and will make an exceedingly able Grand Sire. His two years' administration as the eminent commander of our great Order is bound to reflect great credit upon the Order and bring upon his honored head added laurels for good, conscientious work and services performed. As a member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he has served the Order actively, faithfully, and honorably for many years. He solicits co-operative service from the membership, which I bespeak for him, and which I know he will secure without stint from the brothers and sisters of Connecticut. If he gets such co-operation, he rightly says: "These two years will be memorable ones in the history of the Order." This I prophesy will surely prove to be the fact, when the time arrives to take our inventory two years hence.

I wish to remind the membership in Connecticut of the invitation which was extended to Judge Daniel, our Grand Sire, by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, last May, to be our guest at the next Grand Lodge Session in Connecticut, which will be held at Bridgeport, next May. I am extremely delighted to be able to inform the brothers and sisters of this State that we have been honored by Judge Daniel by an acceptance of that invitation, and he has already made arrangements to attend at our next Grand Lodge Session at Bridgeport, and to address our sisters and brothers. Judge Daniel's eloquence and ability as a

speaker are well known throughout the South, and also to past and present members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. His address will be a treat for our members to listen to.

The spurious Rituals to which the Grand Sire refers in this Proclamation have been offered for sale throughout Connecticut through circulars; such circulars have at once been destroyed by all our Lodges. Our members are too loyal to the Order to aid in any way such vile practices, as they know that to buy and to have in their possession one of these illegal and false books is a violation of the obligations taken by them when they entered this Order: the penalty for which is expulsion from the Order.

Heed what our Grand Sire says about saving worthy brothers from suspension for non-payment of dues by helping needy brothers to find a way in which to meet their obligations to the Lodge without having to be suspended for such financial derelictions.

Our Lodges in Connecticut are doing splendid degree work and initiating worthy candidates into our Order in all parts of Connecticut. Let the good work go on! There are many, many persons in this State who would make good members of the best kind who have not, as yet, been solicited to affiliate themselves with our great Order. Benefit the Order, yourself, and them by seeking them out and acquainting them with the merits of our great institution.

Done at the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, this Fifth day of December in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen, and the year of our Order the Ninety-sixth.

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, GREETINGS:

The position of Grand Sire is the highest fraternal honor in the gift of a sovereign people. The recipient of this honor can only requite the Order for this gift by an active, faithful, conscientious *service to the Order.*

It shall be my purpose to render to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows during the next two years the very best service in my power, and if I can have the same kind of co-operation from the membership, these two years will be memorable ones in the history of the Order.

I request of the membership a reconsecration of themselves to the principles of the Order, to the end that we will all be loyal to its every tenet, submissive to all lawful authority, faithful in the discharge of every duty, active in every effort to a larger growth and a broader expansion of its influence.

SPURIOUS RITUALS.

It has come to my attention that there is being offered for sale a spurious Ritual of the Order. Every few years this same effort is made to impose such a book upon our membership. I desire to remind the membership that it is a violation of the laws of the Order for a member

to buy or have in his possession one of these books, and the penalty is expulsion from the Order. If our members would refuse to buy this book, there would be no market for its sale, and all effort to sell it would soon cease. I call upon the membership to give no encouragement to the effort to sell this book. Cease to notice the advertisement, refuse to buy the book, decline to discuss it in any way, and soon we will hear no more of it.

"NO SUSPENSIONS FOR 1914."

I desire to direct the attention of the membership to a specific work for the remainder of the year, and that is an effort to decrease as much as possible suspensions for non-payment of dues. If a worthy brother is in arrears for dues, every effort should be made to prevent his suspension. It is the sacred duty of a Lodge to save every worthy brother from suspension. If he has not the money to pay his dues, he needs help. He needs the attention of the brotherhood, and he should receive it, and our help cannot be better extended than by seeing that he does not pass out from under the protection of the Order. A Lodge cannot relieve a brother from the payment of his dues, but there are many ways that an individual member can devise to place the brother in the way by which he can make the money to pay his dues.

Let every Lodge appoint a committee *right now* to look after the matter of collecting dues of the membership for this year. Do not leave this matter to the Secretary alone, but place it in the hands of a committee of live, active men, who will see that there is not a single suspension in your Lodge this year.

Let the motto of each Lodge be, "No Suspensions for 1914."

May this be a season of service, service to the Order, to the end that happiness and prosperity shall abundantly bless our entire membership.

Done in the city of Griffin, State of Georgia, this the 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen, and of our Order the Ninety-sixth.

ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

No. 6—DECEMBER INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBORDINATE DEPUTIES.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., December 15, 1915.

Brother....., D.D.G.M., District No....., I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Again the time for the installation of officers is near at hand. Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating these words to the proper officers, you will return this copy to this office without fail.

Please instruct the Noble Grand of each Lodge that he is responsible for the Rituals, and that they must be in the Lodge room every meeting night. You will impress upon him that he must not allow any of them

out of his possession without his making a record of the name of the brother taking the Ritual and the time it was given out. At the time of installation, you will examine the Rituals in each Lodge and verify the registered numbers; and if any are missing, you will postpone the installation and communicate the fact to me immediately. The Noble Grand must cause the Warden to collect and deliver to him all Rituals each meeting night and cause the Secretary to make a record of the number of Rituals so delivered. The law requires that a fine be imposed upon each Lodge for each Ritual lost.

Before communicating the passwords, you will have the Noble Grand sign the receipts sent to you by the Grand Secretary. Please make it plain to each Lodge in your District the importance of conducting their business in a dignified and systematic manner with a full and complete record made upon the books of the Lodge of all transactions. Specially is it important when Amendments to By-Laws of a Lodge are proposed that they be entered in full upon the minutes of the meeting when first proposed, and that at the next subsequent meeting to which they are laid over for action that they either again be re-entered in full or a proper and concise reference to the minutes of the preceding meeting be entered and a full account of the action of the Lodge upon the Amendments should appear in the minutes. You will instruct the Lodges that of course no Amendments to By-Laws are operative or in force until after they have received the approval of the Committee on Legislation of the Grand Lodge, to which Committee they will be promptly forwarded through the hands of the Grand Secretary at New Haven in duplicate copies under seal of the Lodge.

I am glad to report to you that harmony and good feeling prevails among all the Lodges and members in Connecticut, and I am happy to say that there is not a single appeal pending from the actions of the Lodges or their members, which speaks well for the fraternity in this Jurisdiction.

I am enclosing a circular letter which I have just issued to the members of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, which speaks of the coming visit of the Grand Sire to our next Grand Lodge Session at Bridgeport, and of spurious Rituals and of suspensions for non-payment of dues. I ask you to make a study of that circular together with the appended Proclamation by the Grand Sire so as to speak of the points covered by it during your remarks at the time of the installation of officers of the Lodges in your District.

I take this occasion to thank you for your good work in your District and for the harmony that now prevails therein, and I fully expect that I shall receive during the coming term the same loyal support from you as you have already evidenced, and beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Very fraternally yours in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 7—December Instructions to Rebekah Deputies.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn., December 15, 1914.

Sister....., D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No....., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sister:—Again the time for the installation of officers is near

at hand. Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating these words to the proper officers, you will return this copy to this office without fail.

Please instruct the Noble Grand of each Lodge that she is responsible for the Rituals, and that they must be in the Lodge room every meeting night. You will impress upon her that she must not allow any of them out of her possession without her making a record of the name of the sister taking the Ritual and the time it was given out. At the time of installation, you will examine the Rituals in each Lodge and verify the registered numbers; and if any are missing, you will postpone the installation and communicate the fact to me immediately. The Noble Grand must cause the Warden to collect and deliver to her all Rituals each meeting night and cause the Secretary to make a record of the number of Rituals so delivered. The law requires that a fine be imposed upon each Lodge for each Ritual lost.

Before communicating the passwords, you will have the Noble Grand sign the receipts sent to you by the Grand Secretary. Please make it plain to each Lodge in your District the importance of conducting their business in a dignified and systematic manner with a full and complete record made upon the books of the Lodge of all transactions. Specially is it important when Amendments to By-Laws of a Lodge are proposed that they be entered in full upon the minutes of the meeting when first proposed, and that at the next subsequent meeting to which they are laid over for action that they either again be re-entered in full or a proper and concise reference to the minutes of the preceding meeting be entered and a full account of the action of the Lodge upon the Amendments should appear in the minutes. You will instruct the Lodges that of course no Amendments to By-Laws are operative or in force until after they have received the approval of the Committee on Legislation of the Grand Lodge, to which Committee they will be promptly forwarded through the hands of the Grand Secretary at New Haven in duplicate copies under seal of the Lodge.

I am glad to report to you that harmony and good feeling prevails among all the Lodges and members in Connecticut, and I am happy to say that there is not a single appeal pending from the actions of the Lodges or their members, which speaks well for the fraternity in this Jurisdiction.

I am enclosing a circular letter which I have just issued to the members of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut which speaks of the coming visit of the Grand Sire to our next Grand Lodge Session at Bridgeport, and of spurious Rituals and of suspensions for non-payment of dues. I ask you to make a study of that circular together with the appended Proclamation by the Grand Sire so as to speak of the points covered by it during your remarks at the time of the installation of officers of the Lodges in your District.

It has come to my attention that there are in different parts of the State Rebekah Past Noble Grands Association which (undoubtedly innocently and without any wrong intent) are violating the Laws of the Order in certain respects. I fear that some of them have a password and that they vote upon applications of Past Noble Grands for admission. The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session at Atlantic City in September ruled that it was unlawful for any such associations to have any initiation, or installation, or ceremonies, or secret work, or passwords, or ballot boxes, or votes upon the admission of qualified members, and that it was only proper for Rebekah Past Noble Grands to form such associations for social intercourse and the discussion of such matters as would have a tendency to build up the Order; but it

was ruled that they could not use the name of a Lodge as the style for the organization. You will please ascertain if any such associations exist in your District, and if they are doing any of these prohibited acts—such as using a password or voting on applicants for admission, etc. You will instruct them of the error of their ways and prohibit their further use of such unlawful practices. Any Rebekah Past Noble Grand, by virtue of her rank, is entitled to affiliate herself with such an association without a vote upon its part.

I take this occasion to thank you for your good work in your District and for the harmony that now prevails therein, and I fully expect that I shall receive during the coming term the same loyal support from you as you have already evidenced, and beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Very fraternally yours in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 8—Prohibiting Various Unlawful Practices.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn., February 17, 1915.

To the Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, Greeting:—

It has come to my attention that there are in the Jurisdiction of Connecticut some organizations or associations wherein membership is based upon membership in our Order, and which organizations or associatons do some or all of the following illegal, improper, and unlawful practices:—Use the name of the Order, or use a secret password, or have initiatory ceremony or degree, or have an officers' installation ceremony, or use or employ a ballot box upon applicants for membership, or use or employ any signs or any secret practices of whatsoever or whatever kind.

I am fully convinced that such actions and such practices are done innocently and without any intent to violate the laws of Odd Fellowship. I proclaim that all such actions, or practices, must cease at once, as they are prohibited by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and by all the laws of our Order.

It has been repeatedly held by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and by the Committee on Judiciary thereof, and in various proclamations of various Grand Sires, that any Odd Fellow who is a member of any such organization or association is (to use the exact words of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and which are quoted here as follows) "guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow and a grave offence against Odd Fellowship, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled."

Some of the laws and rulings and proclamations against such unlawful organizations or associations will be found in the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journals, as follows:

Laws of 1883, page 9361.
" " 1906, " 781.
" " 1908, " 693.
" " 1909, pages 17 and 338.
" " 1910, " 481 and 806.
" " 1914, " 542, 543, 548, 549, 731, 733, and 815.

I submitted the matter to the present Grand Sire, Judge Robert T. Daniel, on January 25th, requesting rulings from him, and under date of February 5, 1915, he rendered me a decision in which he finds all such practices to be illegal.

I am convinced that the membership in Connecticut, in both Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, is entirely loyal, or means to be, to the laws of our great Order, and I feel sure that now that this Proclamation is published, calling attention to the laws on the subject, that all such illegal and unlawful practices will cease, and that hereafter Connecticut will not be found to be a violator in this respect.

Certain unprincipled publishers of spurious Rituals and Secret Work have recently become very active in sending out circulars, concerning our Order, to the Lodges and members in Connecticut, and are using the mails freely to carry on their nefarious business. I hereby admonish all members of the Order in Connecticut to refrain from purchasing or having in their possession any pamphlets or documents purporting to contain any part of the Rituals or Secret Work of Odd Fellowship, and from doing anything directly or indirectly to encourage such illegitimate and fraudulent publications.

The members are warned that the penalty, for having any unauthorized work purporting to be the written or unwritten work of the Order, is expulsion. If any such contemptible circulars are received through the mail by Lodges or members, I ask that they will immediately and at once burn or destroy them.

It is customary in some Lodges to hold a member in the ante-room who is ready and anxious to enter the Lodge room proper during the reading of the minutes or of reports of Committees or of other business. The law frowns upon delays in admitting members from the ante-room who seek admission into the Lodge room. It is thought by some Lodges or presiding officers that waiting members be kept in the ante-room until the pleasure of the presiding officer to admit them.

Of course this is all wrong, and is done through a misunderstanding of the laws of the Order. Waiting members, who are able to work their way in, should be admitted at once at any time during the Lodge session, after the opening and before the closing, excepting only during the time that ritualistic degree work is being conducted.

It is especially gratifying that during these world-trying times of wars and business depressions and financial panics, a great Order, like Odd Fellowship, should continue to advance in both assets and membership. During the past year of 1914 (the figures for which are just available), the Subordinate Lodges of this State made a total net gain in membership (after deducting for all members lost through death, or for suspensions for non-payment of dues, or for any cause), of over 500, or to be exact, the total net gain for the year 1914 was 516 new members. The total net gain in the Rebekah Lodges for the year 1914 was 629 new members. Under existing conditions such gains are very satisfactory, and must be pleasing to the members at large as they are to the Grand Master.

The term of my administration of the office of Grand Master is now very rapidly drawing to a close. The pleasures of the office are numer-

ous, but the accompanying burdens are oftentimes onerous. The mail and correspondence of a Grand Master is voluminous, and requests from Lodges for official visitations are many more than can be accepted. I have given to the administration of the duties of Grand Master the very best efforts of which I have been capable. I have been attentive and studious, and have given punctual and prompt response to all business as it arose, and I trust that good has resulted to our beloved Order from my conscientious and well-meant efforts.

I am glad to say that the Order in Connecticut is in a splendid condition as a whole, and that there is not at the present time even one single appeal pending of any grievance whatever, for presentation to the Grand Lodge in the month of May. I have endeavored to instill into all my official actions as Grand Master a brotherly and Golden Rule spirit. I expect a splendid meeting of the Grand Lodge to greet our honored Grand Sire, Judge Daniel, at Bridgeport, in the month of May.

Fraternally submitted in F., L. and T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

No. 9—Anniversary Proclamation and Home "Donation Day."

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

Office of the Grand Master.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 15, 1915.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, Greeting:

In obedience to the Proclamation of our Grand Sire, Robert T. Daniel, of Griffin, Georgia, I, Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master of Connecticut, do hereby issue this Proclamation and respectfully request each Lodge in this Jurisdiction to celebrate the Ninety-sixth Anniversary of our Order, with appropriate ceremonies on some date as near the Twenty-sixth day of April as may be most convenient. Let us assemble in our Lodge room in spirit of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the abundant gifts bestowed upon our Order and upon us as individuals.

On Monday, April 26, 1915, appropriate exercises will be observed at "Fairview," the I. O. O. F. Home at Groton, Connecticut, in commemoration of the Anniversary of our Order, and by custom in Connecticut, "Donation Day" for our Home—a Home of which we all feel justly proud, and which is indeed a Home for worthy, indigent members of our Order in Connecticut. The Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Rev. Charles H. Smith, invariably, very kindly arranges an interesting and superior order of exercises, religious, literary, and musical, when the donations to the Home are presented and duly accepted. Such donations are always liberal and a credit to the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of the State. It is hoped that representatives from each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge in Connecticut will join the Grand Officers and the residents of the Home at "Fairview" on that day in celebrating this Ninety-sixth Anniversary. I hope each Lodge will contribute something to the Home on or before April

26th, so that the donation may be included in the list on that day. All trains will stop at "Fairview" upon that day. Most of our members will leave New London for "Fairview" on the train leaving New London station at 1:30 P. M., which connects with trains from New Haven and the west and from other points.

The exercises will start at 2 o'clock.

Done at the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, this Fifteenth day of March, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, and the year of our Order, the Ninety-sixth.

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

1819 ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION. 1915

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to all whom it may concern:

In accordance with usage and the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the Ninety-sixth Anniversary of our Order on the Twenty-sixth day of April, 1915, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

Done at Griffin, Georgia, this the Twenty-fourth day of February, Anno Domini Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, and of the Order, the Ninety-sixth year.

(Seal.) ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:
JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

No. 10—1915 MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

To the Members of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, GREETING:

In accordance with the Proclamation of Hon. Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Tuesday, June 8,

1915, or some different day more convenient, and near thereto, has been selected as a day for appropriate services in memory of our departed brothers and sisters; and I hereby request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in this Jurisdiction of Connecticut to set apart a day nearest June 8th, most convenient, to appropriately observe with suitable recognition as a tribute of respect to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters.

Let us contemplate the virtues of those of our good members who have gone and who, in their lives here, exemplified the true fraternal spirit and aided in some degree the approach of that time to which our hearts look forward with ardent joy, when one Law shall bind all nations, tongues, and kindred of the earth, and that Law shall be the "Law of Universal Brotherhood"; when no longer shall strife among nations, or states, or communities, or individual human beings exist, but when all shall be harmony and happiness. Let us all live our lives as Odd Fellows in such a way that the world may be better for our having existed.

Let us all endeavor to create, especially at this time, a vital sentiment in favor of peace between the warring nations across the sea; and let us pray for a cessation of the hostilities now ravaging Europe. Let each of us do what we can to start a wave that will grow and increase in power until it shall be of such force that it will quicken a universal sentiment in favor of peace. Complications may threaten to bring to our own doors the horrors of modern warfare; and let us use every means in our power to support and uphold and encourage every honorable effort that is or may be made, not only to preserve our own neutrality, but to end this bloody carnage.

One of the great shining lights of Odd Fellowship left us during the past year, when on July 19, 1914, Brother Leopold deLeeuw, of Hartford, Conn., Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, died at the age of fifty-four years. His meritorious work for this Order of ours which he loved so well, and his painstaking and valuable labors which he expended as President, and as Treasurer, and as Manager of our Odd Fellows Home in Connecticut, at Groton, will long remain in our memories as a fitting memorial and testimonial to that good brother now departed and now safely reposing with the Grand Master of the Universe on High.

I pray God to bless all the brothers and sisters of Connecticut.

Done at the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, this 17th day of April, A.D. 1915, and of our beloved Order, the Ninety-sixth year.

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire, do hereby

request all Subordinate Lodges under the various Jurisdictions of the Order that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble, on the Second Tuesday of June next, being the 8th day of June, 1915, and engage in appropriate services respecting their dead members, such services to be conducted in an appropriate manner; *provided*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Jurisdiction to hold such memorial services, the Grand Master thereof may select such day, and the Grand Master may issue his proclamation in accordance therewith.

Information of the decease of the following prominent and representative members of the Order has been received since our last Memorial Day, viz.:

Alabama—March 13, 1915, George L. Jenkins, Grand Representative; aged 51 years.

Arkansas—February 14, 1915, George D. Robbins, Past Grand Representative; aged 51 years.

Colorado—May 9, 1914, Charles D. Cobb, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

Connecticut—July 19, 1914, Leopold deLeeuw, Past Grand Representative; aged 54 years.

Idaho—September 9, 1914, Frank B. Willis, Past Grand Representative.

————August 29, 1914, William J. Brown, Past Grand Representative; aged 54 years.

Illinois—June 4, 1914, Thomas B. Needles, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

Iowa—July 17, 1914, Manley A. Raney, Past Grand Representative; aged 57 years.

————November 8, 1914, George Whipple, Past Grand Representative; aged 87 years.

Kansas—May 12, 1914, Charles H. Krebs, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

————November 12, 1914, Lee Stanford, Past Grand Representative; aged 59 years.

Kentucky—August 11, 1914, John S. Gaunt, Grand Representative; aged 65 years.

Manitoba—July 26, 1914, Charles David Anderson, Past Grand Representative; aged 84 years.

————August 28, 1914, Harper Wilson, Grand Marshal; aged 72 years.

Massachusetts—June 7, 1914, Nathaniel A. Very, Past Grand Representative; aged 75 years.

————February 1, 1915, Edwin L. Pilsbury, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

Minnesota—August 21, 1914, David Ramaley, Past Grand Representative; aged 86 years.

Missouri—March 13, 1915, John H. Bryant, Past Grand Representative; aged 62 years.

New Hampshire—May 17, 1914, Clinton Collins, Past Grand Representative; aged 56 years.

New Jersey—February 6, 1915, James D. Cleaver, Past Grand Representative; aged 91 years.

New Mexico—January 1, 1915, A. C. Sloan, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

————December 5, 1914, N. E. Stevens, Past Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

————January 7, 1915, Samuel Vann, Past Grand Representative.

North Carolina—July 3, 1914, Eugene P. Albea, Past Grand Representative; aged 59 years.

North Dakota—September 4, 1914, J. W. Johnston, Past Grand Representative; aged 72 years.

Ohio—June 24, 1914, W. H. Beebe, Past Grand Representative; aged 73 years.

————December 6, 1914, Henry C. Hedges, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

————February 26, 1913, W. B. Kennedy, Past Grand Representative.

Oklahoma—May 16, 1914, Stillwell H. Russell, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

Oregon—November 22, 1914, Edgar Hostetler, Past Grand Representative; aged 55 years.

Pennsylvania—March 30, 1915, M. Richards Muckle, Grand Treasurer; aged 89 years.

————May 13, 1914, Amos H. Hall, Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

————December 20, 1914, Cleon Gicquelais, Grand Representative; aged 49 years.

Rhode Island— ———, 1915, William H. T. Mosley, Past Grand Representative.

Tennessee—September 28, 1914, Halbert B. Case, Past Grand Representative; aged 76 years.

Wisconsin—May 8, 1914, Bryan I. Dugdale, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.

————May 12, 1914, Ernst C. Zimmerman, Past Grand Representative; aged 57 years.

————September 9, 1914, David W. John, Past Grand Representative; aged 65 years.

————August 24, 1914, Van S. Bennett, Past Grand Representative; aged 78 years.

————February 4, 1915, H. F. Hubbard, Past Grand Representative; aged 84 years.

Wyoming—March 8, 1915, W. L. Kuykendall, Past Grand Sire; aged 79 years.

Done at Griffin, Georgia, this Eighth day of April, 1915, and of our Order, the Ninety-sixth year.

(Seal) ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Recommendation 1.—I recommend that Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, now constituting alone District No. 22, be placed in District No. 8.

Recommendation No. 2.—I recommend that the Constitution for the Rebekah Lodges in this State have a thorough revision, and that there be included therein the law concerning non-contributing members which now applies to Rebekah Lodges.

Recommendation 3.—I recommend that the Subordinate Lodge Constitution be amended by adding to Article I the following new section, to be known as Section 7:

Sessions.

SECTION 7. This Lodge shall hold regular weekly sessions (or semi-monthly if the Grand Lodge has so specially authorized) on such evenings and at such hours as may be specified in the By-Laws.

Special sessions may be called by the Noble Grand at option, and such sessions shall be called on the written request of five or more members, at which special sessions no business shall be transacted except that specified in the notice, and every member must be notified, either by written or printed circulars, by mail, or personally; *providing,* that if such Lodge is situated in a town in which a daily newspaper is published, a notice of said special meeting inserted at least twenty-four hours previous to the time of meeting shall be deemed a sufficient notice thereof. At special meetings no applications for membership shall be received or acted upon.

Recommendation 4.—I recommend that Section 4 of Article II of Subordinate Constitution be amended to read:

Application.

SECTION 4. Every person wishing to become a member of this Lodge must himself sign an application therefor in the form of application following, and be recommended by a member of this Lodge, who shall sign his name to the application as recommender:

Form of Application.

To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge, No....., working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Connecticut:

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge and those of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event or for any purpose to the civil courts, until I have exhausted all remedies provided in or by the Order first.

I was born at.....on.....19....

My age is.....years; my occupation is.....; my residence is.....; my health is good.

Dated.....

Witness..... Signed.....

Recommendation 5.—I recommend that Section 1 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "benefits," in the eleventh line thereof, the following words:

"nor would a funeral expense or benefit be due should he die while non-beneficial;"

Recommendation 6.—I recommend that Section 2 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "qualified," in the first line thereof, the words:

"as herein and"

Recommendation 7.—I recommend that Section 3 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "member," in the second line thereof, the words:

"in beneficial standing at time of death and"

Recommendation 8.—I recommend that Section 4 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "member," in the third line thereof, the following words:

"in beneficial standing at time of death and"

Recommendation 9.—I recommend that Section 5 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "benefits," in the first line thereof, the words:

"except as to arrearages and non-beneficial standing as set forth in this Constitution"

Recommendation 10.—I recommend that Section 6 of Article IV of Subordinate Constitution be amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:

"nor would a funeral benefit or expense be due in case of his death while in non-beneficial standing."

Recommendation 11.—I recommend that Section 1 of Article X of Subordinate Constitution be amended by substituting in place of the word "two" in the fifth line thereof, the word:

"four"

In Conclusion.

In concluding this, my annual report, as Grand Master, I wish to extend my thanks to the Grand Secretary and to my District Deputy Grand Masters for services and courtesies extended, and also to the Lodges and membership at large in the State, for all the kindnesses which have been bestowed upon me during my year in office as Grand Master; all of which actions were, and are, deeply appreciated by me.

The year has been a success because of the work of the individual members of the Lodges, all of which has been deeply gratifying to the

ambition to the Grand Master that the term should be a satisfactory one. I have felt deeply the trust imposed in me by this Grand Lodge, confiding in my keeping the leadership of this Jurisdiction for the past twelve months, and I have endeavored in every way to live up to my obligations, and I have put forth my very best efforts to advance the work of our Order and to uphold the dignity and honor of my position.

I shall long remember with feelings of deep satisfaction my term as Grand Master, for which I feel deeply indebted to the good members of this Grand Lodge, and I sincerely hope that some good may have resulted from my well-meant efforts in your behalf. I could not wish better for my successor than that he should receive the same loyal support and aid from his District Deputy Grand Masters and the entire membership at large, as has been extended generously to me, and I bespeak for my successor such laudable support, with the wish that the coming year may prove a highly successful one for my successor and for this Jurisdiction.

With renewed thanks to you all, my friends, for your confidence and devotion, I beg to remain,

Yours, very fraternally, in F., L. and T.,

Henry C. Stevenson,
Grand Master.

On motion the Grand Master's report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary submitted his report:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith submit my report for the year:

Number of Lodges per last report	93
Less Goethe Lodge, No. 79, consolidated with Uncas Lodge, No. 11, August 31, 1914	1
Total number of Lodges	92

FINANCES.

Total assets Subordinate Lodges, January 1, 1914		$908,507.84
Total receipts Subordinate Lodges for the year 1914		248,880.13
Add increase in valuation of real estate, regalia, paraphernalia, etc		2,510.35
Total		$1,159,898.32
From which deduct—		
Amount paid for expenses	$109,029.70	
Amount paid for relief	120,183.77	
		$229,213.47
Total assets January 1, 1915		$930,684.85
Net gain in assets for the year		22,177.01
Total invested funds		757,479.34
Invested in regalia, paraphernalia, etc		173,205.51

Number of brothers relieved, 2,756.

Number of weeks for which benefits were paid, 25,582.

MEMBERSHIP.

Members January 1, 1914—		
Contributing members		23,575
Non-contributing members		73
Total		23,648
Add for previous error	3	
Initiations	1,280	
Admitted by card	103	
Reinstated	24	
		1,410
		25,058

From which deduct—

For previous error	32	
Withdrawn	134	
Suspended	396	
Expelled	1	
Deceased	331	
		894
Total membership January 1, 1915		24,164
Net gain for the year		516
Contributing members		24,091
Non-contributing members		73
Total number of Rebekah Lodges		56

FINANCES.

Total funds January 1, 1914		$42,737.30
Total receipts of Rebekah Lodges for the year 1914		15,338.97
Total		$58,076.27
From which deduct—		
Amount paid for expenses	$13,356.10	
Amount paid for relief	2,705.98	
		$16,062.08
Total funds January 1, 1915		$42,014.19
Net loss in funds for the year 1914		723.11

MEMBERSHIP.

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Membership January 1, 1914	2,781	5,205	7,986

	Brothers.	Sisters.			
Add for previous error	—	2			
Initiated during the year	348	623			
Admitted by card	9	29			
Reinstated	4	12			
			361	666	1,027
			3,142	5,871	9,013

From which deduct—

	Brothers.	Sisters.			
For previous error	10	3			
Withdrawn	38	81			
Suspended	89	98			
Deceased	29	50			
			166	232	398
Total membership January 1, 1915			2,976	5,639	8,615

Net gain, 629—sisters, 434; brothers, 157.

Receipts of the Grand Lodge.

From May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

Per Capita Tax	$4,761.10
Official Certificates	591.25
Past Grand Badges	127.75
Constitutions	42.28
Veteran Jewels	40.00
Veteran Buttons	22.50
Rebekah Veteran Jewels	8.00
Odes	25.30
Withdrawal Cards	26.50
Ciphers	17.00
Membership Application Blanks	26.00
Visiting Cards	9.75
Rituals	32.50
Rosters	20.00
Charter Fee	15.00
Fines	35.00
Funeral Ceremonies	2.60
D.D.G.M. Jewel	5.00
Transfer Certificates	10.25
Dismissal Certificates	6.25
Books of Forms	2.00
Credential Blanks	2.40
Memorial Ceremonies	.25
Question Books	3.00
Blank Book	.65
Ode Cards with Music	.50
Ode Books with Music	1.20
Prayer Cards	.10
Total	$5,834.13

TABLE SHOWING RECEIPTS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

Lodge.	No.	Per Capita tax.	Home tax.	Official Certificates.		Supplies.	Total.
Quinnipiac	1	$ 55.80	$ 83.70	1000—	$ 8.50		$148.00
Charter Oak	2	131.40	197.10	1000—	8.50	$ 3.35	340.35
Middlesex	3	12.50	18.75			.25	31.50
Pequonnock	4	103.50	155.25	2000—	17.00	8.00	283.75
Harmony	5	48.60	72.90			4.85	126.35
Ousatonic	6	59.60	89.40	1000—	8.50	3.60	161.10
Samaritan	7	65.80	98.70			3.75	168.25
Empire	8	22.10	33.15			.50	55.75
L. A. Thomas	9	19.60	29.40	500—	4.25		53.25
Our Brothers	10	84.50	126.75	1000—	8.50	7.25	227.00
Uncas	11	55.50	83.25	500—	4.25	3.50	146.50
Central	12	73.90	110.85	1000—	8.50	3.50	196.75
Tycho Brahe	13	50.00	75.00	1000—	8.50	24.50	158.00
Wopowage	14	25.70	38.55				64.25
Montewese	15	26.80	40.20	100—	.75	1.50	69.25
Obwebetuck	16	30.10	45.15	500—	4.25		79.50
Niantic	17	30.90	46.35			6.30	83.55
Progressive	18	81.70	122.55	1000—	8.50	1.00	213.75
Protection	19	22.00	33.00			.50	55.50
Fenwick	20	24.00	36.00			12.50	72.50
Nosahogan	21	177.20	265.80	2300—	19.25	9.75	472.00
Thames	22	26.30	39.45	1000—	8.50	.30	74.55
Palisado	23	25.60	38.40			2.85	66.85
Rippowam	24	88.10	132.15	1000—	8.50	1.00	229.75
Crescent	25	59.30	88.95			2.20	150.45
Stonington	26	64.90	97.35	1100—	9.25		171.50
Shetucket	27	47.90	71.85	500—	4.25	24.00	148.00
Hancock	28	42.80	64.20	500—	4.25	4.20	115.45
Reliance	29	14.90	22.35	500—	4.25	4.55	46.05
Clifton	30	59.80	89.70	1000—	8.50	.50	158.50
King David	31	84.30	126.45			.50	211.25
Wauseon	32	12.50	18.75			.25	31.50
Israel Putnam	33	47.70	71.55	500—	4.25	9.95	133.45
Quinebaug	34	17.30	25.95	200—	1.50	.75	45.50
Portland	35	19.20	28.80			3.50	51.50
City	36	83.90	125.85	1000—	8.50	.55	218.80
Wooster	37	44.00	66.00	500—	4.25	14.00	128.25
Monitor	38	53.90	80.85	500—	4.25	7.25	146.25
Croswell	39	34.30	51.45	500—	4.25		90.00
Svea	40	41.20	61.80	500—	4.25	5.45	112.70
Arcanum	41	72.50	108.75	1100—	9.25	1.50	192.00

Franklin	42	32.40	48.60	500—	4.25	.85	86.10
Puritan	43	83.80	125.70			3.50	213.00
Scandia	44	21.60	32.40	500—	4.25		58.25
Summit	45	106.60	159.90	1000—	8.50	6.25	281.25
Pilgrim	46	24.20	36.30	1000—	8.50		69.00
Andree	47	79.90	115.85	1000—	8.50		208.25
Pequabock	48	40.20	60.30	500—	4.25		104.75
Rising Star	49	26.80	40.20			3.50	70.50
Canaan	50	15.30	22.95	500—	4.25	3.50	46.00
Ridgely	51	88.10	132.15	1000—	8.50	.25	229.00
Phenix	52	62.90	94.35	1000—	8.50		165.75
Elm	53	23.50	35.25			3.50	62.25
Bell	54	17.50	26.25	500—	4.25	2.56	50.56
Mohegan	55	70.40	105.60	1000—	8.50		184.50
Friendship	56	32.70	49.05			1.00	82.75
Stephen Terry	59	83.00	124.50	1000—	8.50		216.00
Menuncatuck	62	33.90	50.85				84.75
Naugatuck	63	57.20	85.80	1000—	8.50	10.10	161.60
Eclectic	64	24.40	36.60	500—	4.25	.15	65.40
Good Shepherd	65	37.50	56.25			2.30	96.05
John Ericsson	67	95.80	143.70	1000—	8.50	6.50	254.50
Meriden Center	68	37.80	56.70	500—	4.25	6.10	104.85
Accanant	71	34.50	51.75				86.25
Lexington	72	65.40	98.10	1000—	8.50	3.50	175.50
Mechanics	73	68.40	102.60	1000—	8.50	3.50	183.00
Sequassen	74	21.80	32.70			.10	54.60
Eureka	75	42.60	63.90	1000—	8.50	.50	115.50
Polar Star	77	38.50	57.75	500—	4.25	1.50	102.00
Germania	78	50.50	75.75	200—	1.50	2.50	130.25
Goethe	79	3.40	5.10				8.50
Adelphian	80	83.00	124.50	2000—	17.00	10.38	234.88
Webb	81	32.00	48.00	600—	4.50	3.50	88.00
Hartford	82	74.40	111.60	1100—	9.25	1.30	196.55
Steuben	83	27.50	41.25			.50	69.25
Seaside	84	11.70	17.55	100—	.75		30.00
Pequot	85	86.00	129.00	2200—	18.50	4.25	237.75
Relief	86	78.70	118.05	1000—	8.50	.75	206.00
Pacific	87	22.00	33.00			1.00	56.00
Crystal	88	20.40	30.60	500—	4.25	3.75	59.00
Townsend	89	156.40	234.60	3000—	25.50	5.30	421.80
Oronoque	90	37.90	56.85	500—	4.25	1.50	100.50
Humboldt	91	56.90	85.35	500—	4.25	2.25	148.75
Schiller	92	14.70	22.05			.25	37.00
Connecticut	93	59.30	88.95	1000—	8.50	4.00	160.75
Lessing	94	30.90	46.35	500—	4.25		81.50
Teutonia	95	16.50	24.75			5.00	46.25
Gerstaecker	96	30.40	45.60	1000—	8.50	1.75	86.25

Butler	97	82.70	124.05	1000—	8.50	11.00	226.25
Beethoven	98	20.50	30.75			1.75	53.00
Saml. H. Harris	99	138.70	208.05	2000—	17.00	12.80	376.55
Centennial	100	55.70	83.55	500—	4.25	3.50	147.00
Fairview	101	62.60	93.90	1000—	8.50	.50	165.50
Miscellaneous						59.00	59.00
		$4,761.10	$7.141.65	58,900—	$491.00	$373.59	$12,767.34

TABLE SHOWING RECEIPTS FROM REBEKAH LODGES.

May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

Lodge.	No.	Per Capita tax.	Official Certificates.		Supplies.	Total.
Naomi	1	$11.12	500—	$4.25	$1.00	$16.37
Rachel	2	9.28			1.00	10.28
New Haven	3	8.24	500—	4.25	1.00	13.49
Charity	4	41.20	500—	4.25		45.45
Sylvan	5	17.44	500—	4.25	1.00	22.69
Fidelity	6	20.00	200—	1.50	2.25	23.75
Esther	7	8.00	500—	4.25	.50	12.75
Winona	8	12.80	200—	1.50	2.00	16.30
Ells-Wood	9	13.28	500—	4.25	.50	18.03
Lady Fenwick	10	9.04			6.25	15.29
Stella	11	16.32	500—	4.25	1.10	21.67
Priscilla	12	11.76	100—	.75	6.50	19.01
Freundschaft	13	19.36	500—	4.25	.30	23.91
Deborah	14	12.24				12.24
Columbia	15	10.40	500—	4.25		14.65
Myrtle	16	12.72			2.50	15.22
Union	17	6.48	200—	1.50		7.98
Miriam	18	34.80	500—	4.25		39.05
Eintracht	19	7.52				7.52
Osprey	20	14.96	500—	4.25	2.55	21.76
Hope	21	8.64	500—	4.25	2.50	15.39
Evening Star	22	9.60			2.50	12.10
Isabelle	23	3.04	100—	.75		3.79
Ruth	24	8.16	100—	.75	1.00	9.91
Crystal	25	14.64			.25	14.89
Harmonie	26	10.00	600—	4.50	2.50	17.00
Orient	27	5.76	100—	.75		6.51
Ruthie	28	3.68	100—	.75	3.50	7.93
Aquilla	29	8.64			.55	9.19
Echo	30	14.16			1.00	15.16
Marion	31	3.76				3.76
Laurel	32	11.92	500—	4.25	.50	16.67

Mizpah	33	10.32				10.32
Myriad	34	4.64	100—	.75	1.25	6.64
Columbian	35	18.48	600—	4.50		22.98
Ivy	36	7.28	100—	.75	2.75	10.78
Valley	37	14.96	500—	4.25	.50	19.71
Mayflower	38	10.56	100—	.75	1.00	12.31
Sunset	39	17.60			6.75	24.35
Maida	40	8.96			2.30	11.26
Magnolia	41	14.64	200—	1.50		16.14
Eureka	42	19.84	500—	4.25	1.50	25.59
Palm	43	8.88				8.88
Faith	44	5.36				5.36
Martha	45	6.56	200—	1.50	1.50	9.56
Venona	46	4.16	500—	4.25		8.41
Welcome	47	15.36			1.05	16.41
Anchor	48	6.56			1.00	7.56
Queen Esther	49	4.08				4.08
Home	50	12.64			1.50	14.14
Mary	51	9.84	600—	4.50		14.34
Hazel	52	4.72			.50	5.22
Medora	53	6.72	100—	.75	1.00	8.47
Unity	54	16.00	200—	1.50		17.50
Our Sisters	55	11.76			.79	12.55
Mystic	56		400—	3.00	42.05	45.05
		$638.88	12,300—	$100.25	$108.19	$847.32

RECAPITULATION.

Subordinate Lodges, Per Capita Tax	$4,761.10
Subordinate Lodges, Home Tax	7,141.65
Subordinate Lodges, Official Certificates	491.00
Subordinate Lodges, Supplies	373.59
Rebekah Lodges, Per Capita Tax	638.88
Rebekah Lodges, Official Certificates	100.25
Rebekah Lodges, Supplies	108.19
Total	$13,614.66

Paid to Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer	$5,834.13
Paid to Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary, I. O. O. F. Home	7,141.65
Paid to Mary E. Johnson, Secretary, Assembly	638.88
Total	$13,614.66

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND APRIL 30, 1915.

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

Supplies.	On hand April 30, 1914.	Purchased during the year	Total.	Sold during the year.	On hand April 30, 1915.	Value.
Past Grand Badges.....	298		298	73	225	$393.75
Subordinate Lodge Constitutions	16,000		16,000	2,650	13,350	153.53
Applications for Membership	2,300		2,300	800	1,500	15.00
Question Books.....	6		6	2	4	6.00
Ciphers (English).....	40		40	27	13	6.50
Ciphers (German).....	11		11	3	8	4.00
Credential Blanks (pads)	149		149	24	125	12.50
Rituals (English).....	9	2*	11	4	7	17.50
Rituals (German).....	1	4*	5		5	12.50
Floor Work.....	15		15		15	6.00
Book of Forms.....	4		4	2	2	2.00
Installation (German)...	1		1		1	.75
Official Certificates.....	2,900	57,000	59,900	58,000	1,900	14.25
Withdrawal Cards.....	23	100	123	31	92	23.00
Visiting Cards.....	40		40	39	1	.25
Dismissal Certificates....	46		46	23	23	5.75
Transfer Certificates....	69		69	64	5	1.25
Ode Books with Music..	11		11	2	9	5.40
Ode Cards with Music..	140		140	5	135	13.50
Ode Cards (English)...	375		375	199	176	8.80
Ode Cards (Danish)....	101		101		101	5.05
Anniversary Ceremonies (English)	27		27		27	6.75
Memorial Ceremonies (English)	16		16		16	4.00
Funeral Ceremonies (English)	87		87	8	79	19.75
Funeral Ceremonies (German)	25		25	2	23	5.75
Prayer Cards (English)	102		102	10	92	4.60
Funeral Cards (English)	50		50	15	35	1.75
Funeral Cards (German)	190		190		190	9.50
Anniversary Odes, (English)	24		24		24	1.20
Emblem Chart.....	1		1		1	2.50
Total						$763.08

* Rituals from Goethe Lodge, No. 79.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Supplies.	On hand April 30, 1914.	Purchased during the year	Total.	Sold during the year.	On hand April 30, 1915.	Value.
Rituals (English).....	12		12	8	4	$10.00
Rituals (German).....	1		1	1		———
Membership Applications	4,400		4,400	1,800	2,600	26.00
Constitutions for Rebekah Lodges.....	400	8,700	9,100	1,025	8,075	92.86
Official Certificates.....	4,700	8,000	12,700	12,300	400	3.00
Withdrawal Cards.....	22	150	172	76	96	24.00
Visiting Cards.....	7		7	1	6	1.50
Dismissal Certificates....	25		25	3	22	5.50
Transfer Certificates....	73		73	14	59	14.75
Ciphers (English).....	9		9	5	4	2.00
Ciphers (German).....	9		9		9	4.50
Rebekah Codes.....	7		7		7	2.10
Floor Work.....	8		8		8	3.20
Veteran Jewels, plated..	2		2	2		———
Ode Cards with Music (English)	124		124		124	12.40
Ode Cards (English)...	30	500	530	290	240	12.00
Ode Cards (German)...	150		150		150	7.50
Funeral Ceremonies, (English)	63		63	2	61	9.15
Funeral Ceremonies, (German)	18		18	2	16	2.40
Memorial Ceremonies (English)	19		19	1	18	4.50
Anniversary Ceremonies (English)	20		20		20	5.00
Total						$242.36

Value of Subordinate Lodge Supplies..... $763.08
Value of Rebekah Lodge Supplies..... 242.36

Total value of Supplies..... $1,005.44

FINES IMPOSED AND COLLECTED.

Under date of March 1, 1915, I received a letter from Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master, imposing fines as follows:

Wooster Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., for loss of Ritual No. 37 F, $10.00.

Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F., for loss of Ritual No. 63 D, $10.00.

Butler Lodge, No. 97, I. O. O. F., for loss of Ritual No. 97 D, $10.00.

August 17, 1914, fine of $5.00 was imposed on Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., for failure to get report for June 30, 1914, to the office of the Grand Secretary by August 6, 1914, as provided in Article IX, Section 2, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

Our Watchword for April 26, 1919.

While we are far short of the percentage in gain in membership for the year 1914 required to reach the goal set for 1919, we are not discouraged. We believe that much can be done in the four years before us, and if the members all work together, determined to succeed, the "30,000 Members April 26, 1919," will be surely attained.

Conclusion.

When we take into consideration all the conditions, a net gain in membership of 516 for the year 1914 is doing well, and should encourage us to still greater efforts for success the coming year. May we all seek to improve every opportunity that may come to us, to help make our Order stronger and better, that the time may soon come when the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" may be recognized by all mankind.

I am deeply indebted to the Grand Master, Grand Officers, Secretaries of the Lodges, and the brothers and sisters of this Jurisdiction for many courtesies extended during the year, and for which I extend my hearty appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

William S. Hutchinson
Grand Secretary

On motion the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Grand Treasurer would beg leave to present his report upon the finances of the Grand Lodge for the twelve months ending April 30, 1915. Despite business depression there has been a substantial gain during the year, amounting to $498.89. Expenses increased to the amount of $343.48, while there was a slight decrease in receipts to the amount of $71.22. The receipts from interest were $86.46.

The following is a statement of the accounts:

GRAND TREASURER.

DR.

To cash balance as per report, May 1, 1914	$3,327.27
To cash received from Grand Secretary for the year ending April 30, 1915, as per receipts given	5,834.13
To interest Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank	44.52
To interest City Savings Bank	41.94
	$9,247.86

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By payments on orders drawn by Grand Secretary, from May 28, 1914, to April 30, 1915, Nos. 113 to 150, inclusive	$5,421.70	
By balance to credit of Grand Lodge	3;826.16	
		$9,247.86

PAYMENTS ON ORDERS.

1914.			
May 28.	113	Joseph C. Johnson, hall for Grand Lodge	$ 30.00
" "	114	Van Dyck & Co., printing G.M. stationery	21.75
" "	115	J. R. Rembert Co., stationery G. Secretary	6.35
" "	116	J. A. Otterbein, D.D. expense	2.60
" "	117	Midas Bros., G.L. expense	1.60
" "	118	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	28.98
" "	119	W. S. Hutchison, D.D. meeting expense	50.00
" "	120	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
" "	121	W. S. Hutchison, stamps and stationery	129.04
June 1,	122	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	62.25
" "	123	Rev. C. H. Smith, expense G. L.	4,20

June	6,	124	Hotel Taft, expense G. L.	$227.50
"	"	125	New Haven Taxicab Co., expense G. L.	28.00
"	"	126	F. C. Burrows, expense G. Rep.	6.05
"	"	127	Champion & Co., flowers, P. G. M. DeLeeuw	3.00
"	"	128	Buttren Water Co., expense G. L.	1.50
"	"	129	Kirk & Co., expense G. L.	50
"	"	130	F. W. Rimler, D. D. expense	6.70
"	"	131	Van Dyck & Co., printing cut	3.75
"	"	132	J. F. Foster, G. H. salary, to I. O. O. F. Home	5.00
"	"	133	Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, ritual return	2.50
"	27,	134	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	15.00
"	"	135	Van Dyck & Co., printing circulars, etc.	113.25
"	"	136	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor salary	59.00
"	"	137	A. C. Cutler, D. D. expense	48.70
"	"	138	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	24.83
"	"	139	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
July	1,	140	McManus & Holcombe, insurance	12.50
"	"	141	S. N. E. Tel. Co., tel. expense	21.15
"	2,	142	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expense	24.82
"	"	143	Schwerdtle Stamp Co., seal G. M.	3.50
"	"	144	Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., receipt books	18.25
"	3,	145	S. W. Challenger, expenses	6.06
"	"	146	Progressive Printing Co., printing G. T.	6.25
"	18,	147	Tucker Garage Co., D. D. expense	10.00
"	"	148	D. W. Darrow, D. D. expense	3.00
"	25,	149	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	24.50
"	"	150	S. W. Challenger, salary	25.00
"	"	151	Francis Campbell, D. D. expense	16.00
"	"	152	J. L. Benedict, D. D. expense	11.00
"	"	153	Mary B. Johnson, engrossing charter	1.50
"	"	154	E. W. Bennett, subscription Conn. Guide	.50
"	"	155	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	31.12
"	"	156	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Aug.	1,	157	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses	15.35
"	"	158	S. W. Challenger, G. L. expenses DeLeeuw funeral	11.00
"	"	159	Champion & Co., floral piece DeLeeuw funeral	11.00
"	"	160	John MacMahon, D. D. expense	7.70
"	"	161	J. H. Dieter, D. D. expense	3.40
"	"	162	Rev. C. H. Smith, expenses	2.70
"	"	163	Underwood Type. Co., ribbon	3.50
"	"	164	J. R. Rembert Co., carbon paper	2.50
"	3,	165	Van Dyck & Co., printing G. L. Journal	602.66
"	17,	166	Security Ins. Co., insurance	24.00
"	19,	167	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	21.00
"	29,	168	S. Z. Field, printing roster	60.00

Aug.	29,	169	J. A. Wood, carriages for funeral	$24.00
"	"	170	F. R. Upson, committee printing	13.25
"	"	171	Whitehead & Hoag Co., funeral badges	8.11
"	"	172	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	73.25
"	"	173	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Sept.	1,	174	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses	56.15
"	"	175	Price & Lee Co., directory	6.00
"	"	176	Van Dyck & Co., printing letter	5.00
"	"	177	R. S. Storrs, D. D. expense	2.50
"	26,	178	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	27.00
"	"	179	J. A. Green, D. D. expense	20.00
"	"	180	J. Cunningham & Co., awning moving	4.00
"	"	181	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor salary	59.00
"	"	182	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	16.55
"	"	183	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
"	"	184	Van Dyck & Co., printing circular	5.00
"	30,	185	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses	21.95
Oct.	17,	186	S. N. E. Tel. Co., tel. expense	23.45
"	"	187	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	69.00
"	"	188	Van Dyck & Co., printing circular	2.50
"	"	189	S. W. Challenger, salary	25.00
"	"	190	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	44.53
"	"	191	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Nov.	3,	192	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses	57.65
"	28,	193	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	34.00
"	"	194	Van Dyck & Co., printing circulars	16.00
"	"	195	Hartford Type. Exchange, embossing plates	.77
"	30,	196	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Dec.	5,	197	H. C. Stevenson, expenses	18.30
"	"	198	Francis Campbell, D. D. expenses	7.85
"	"	199	J. Cunningham & Son, awning changes	2.00
"	26,	200	J. B. Goodwin, supplies	35.50
"	"	201	Van Dyck & Co., printing circulars	15.50
"	"	202	W. S. Hutchison, expenses	50.27
"	"	203	W. S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
	1915			
Jan.	5,	204	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor salary	59.00
"	"	205	S. N. E. Tel. Co., tel. expense	21.18
"	"	206	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expense	18.13
"	"	207	Chatfield Paper Co., twine	2.00
"	"	208	Hartford Type. Exchange, ribbon	.75
"	23,	209	J. L. Benedict, D. D. expenses	14.00
"	"	210	Tucker Garage Co., D. D. expenses	10.00
"	"	211	Frank O'Brien, D. D. expenses	8.48
"	"	212	John MacMahon, D. D. expenses	7.80
"	"	213	D. W. Darrow, D. D. expenses	3.80
"	"	214	J. H. Dieter, D. D. expenses	2.60

Jan.	30,	215	H. Ohashi & Co., typewriter back sheet.....	$1.00
"	30,	216	J. B. Goodwin, supplies.....	65.00
"	"	217	J. A. Green, D. D. expenses.....	22.00
"	"	218	Francis Campbell, D. D. expenses.....	17.00
"	"	219	S. W. Challenger, salary.....	25.00
"	"	220	W. S. Hutchison, salary.....	133.33
Feb.	2,	221	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses.....	17.38
"	13,	222	W. B. Carroll, D. D. expenses.....	28.90
"	"	223	J. B. Goodwin, supplies.....	54.00
"	27,	224	S. Z. Field, printing roster.....	60.00
"	"	225	G. W. Duryea, D. D. expenses.....	31.00
"	"	226	Van Dyck & Co., printing calendars.....	22.50
"	"	227	W. S. Hutchison, expenses.....	35.00
"	"	228	W. S. Hutchison, salary.....	133.33
Mar.	1,	229	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses.....	11.10
"	"	230	Progressive Printing Co., printing G. T.....	3.75
"	27,	231	J. B. Goodwin, supplies.....	42.00
"	"	232	Rev. C. H. Smith, expenses G. C.....	4.92
"	"	233	R. S. Storrs, D. D. expenses.....	2.50
"	"	234	W. S. Hutchison, salary.....	133.33
Apr.	3,	235	J. B. Goodwin, G. Rep. tax.....	150.00
"	"	236	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses.....	12.61
"	"	237	Van Dyck & Co., printing advance reports.....	79.72
"	"	238	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor salary.....	59.00
"	"	239	S. N. E. Tel. Co., tel. expense.....	22.32
"	"	240	Elof Lundblad, D. D. expenses.....	5.60
"	17,	241	S. W. Challenger, salary.....	25.00
"	"	242	W. S. Hutchison, expenses.....	22.34
"	"	243	W. S. Hutchison, salary.....	133.37
"	24,	244	J. B. Goodwin, supplies.....	122.00
"	"	245	H. C. Stevenson, G. M. expenses.....	20.38
"	"	246	A. E. Shoaler, D. D. expenses.....	19.97
"	"	247	H. I. Houser, D. D. expenses.....	11.20
"	"	248	G. H. Rudolph, D. D. expenses.....	3.68
"	"	249	Van Dyck & Co., printing circulars.....	67.50
"	30,	250	Charles Gullberg, D. D. expenses.....	3.50
			Total, ...	$5,421.70
			By balance to credit of Grand Lodge.....	3,826.16
			Total, ...	$9,247.86

The funds of the Grand Lodge are deposited as follows:

With the Connecticut National Bank, subject to check..... $1,598.54

With the Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank, Bridgeport....	$1,146.75
With the City Savings Bank, Bridgeport.....	1,080.87
	$3,826.16

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Frank E. Roys, Grand Representative, submitted the report of the Grand Representatives:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., MAY 19, 1915.

To Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to the Sovereign Grand Lodge respectfully submit their report of the proceedings of the ninetieth annual communication of that body held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 21st to 26th, 1914.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge without invitation voted to hold the session at Atlantic City with the express direction that local bodies of the Order were not to entertain and not to incur large expense as is usually the case. As a consequence the session was a business session and the usual contests and prizes for degree work, drills, and the like were wanting. The large program made up of these things and of numerous entertainments which usually characterize the sessions was scarcely missed, however, because of the many attractions offered by Atlantic City itself.

The Sovereign Body had held its session at Atlantic City nineteen years before when the Order boasted of a membership of 815,000 in the Subordinate branch, of 135,000 in the Encampment, and 225,000 in the Rebekah branches of the Order. The enormous increases in membership during the nineteen years that have intervened was a source of frequent congratulatory comment during the session. The Hotel Chalfonte was the headquarters, and the sessions were held in the large assembly room at the end of the steel pier over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

The morning service at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 20th, was a special service for the Order, the Rev. Henry Merle Mellen, the Pastor of the Church, preaching a sermon which is printed in the revised Journal of the Proceedings, page 864.

The entire Connecticut delegation was on hand by Saturday evening, and all participated in the opening exercises in the music hall on the steel pier at 10:00 A. M. Monday morning, where welcoming addresses were made by Hon. John W. Wescott, Attorney General of New Jersey; James H. White, Grand Master; George H. Atkinson, Grand Patriarch; William C. Taylor, Department Commander, and Ophelia Gregory, President of the Rebekah State Assembly. The Grand Sire responded and immediately thereafter the Sovereign Grand Lodge went into session performing the business of the Order.

The seats assigned to the Connecticut delegation were in a central position and far better than Connecticut ordinarily draws. The assignments of the Connecticut representatives to committees were as follows:

Canfield on Petitions.
Prince on Constitutions.
Roys on Odd Fellows Homes.
Pond on Legislation.

The Grand Officers present were as follows:

Columbus A. Keller ..... *Grand Sire*
Robert T. Daniel ..... *Deputy Grand Sire*
John B. Goodwin ..... *Grand Secretary, Past Grand Sire*
M. Richards Muckle ..... *Grand Treasurer*
J. Edward Kroh ..... *Assistant Grand Secretary*
J. A. Lucas ..... *Grand Chaplain*
H. R. Perkins ..... *Grand Guardian*
W. G. Nye ..... *Grand Messenger*

There were also present all the living Past Grand Sires, namely, C. T. Campbell, of Ontario; Alfred S. Pinkerton, of Massachusetts; John B. Goodwin, of Georgia; Edwin S. Conway, of Illinois; W. L. Kuykendall, of Wyoming, and John B. Cockrum, of Indiana.

The following appointments were made:

Grand Marshal: R H Shanks, of Manitoba, vice Harper Wilson, deceased.

Official Reporter: H. C. Stevens, of Kansas.

Assistant Grand Messengers: C. M. Turner, of Illinois; H. H. Sullivan, of Missouri.

Assistant Grand Guardians: A. H. Blackeby, of Ontario; Charles Weil, of New York; Walter H. Blake, of New Jersey.

Journal Clerk: Louis F. Hart, of Washington.

Mailing Clerk: Richard Hoe, of Wisconsin.

Reading Clerk: Will J. Russell, of Kansas.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The Grand Sire in his report said:

The condition of our Order is satisfactory even to our most optimistic members. I fear the time, however, has arrived when we should give less attention to increase of membership and more to its quality. There seems to be a growing element in our Order that needs to be held firmly in hand or the very purpose and aims of our institution will be subverted. A Grand Master's success should not be measured by increase of membership or the number of new lodges instituted, but by the character and quality of work he has done during his administration.

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

December 31, 1912, we had 18,089 Subordinate Lodges, 3,715 Subordinate Encampments, 9,725 Rebekah Lodges, and 763 Cantons.

December 31, 1912, we had 1,645,369 Subordinate Lodge members, 231,865 Encampment members, 711,873 Rebekah Lodge members, 26,298 Canton members, and a total membership (without duplication) of 2,121,921.

On December 31, 1913, there were 18,153 Subordinate Lodges with 1,673,869 members and 3,580 Encampments with 233,810 members, and 9,780 Rebekah Lodges with 733,011 members, and 760 Cantons with 26,707 members.

This shows that during the year ending December 31, 1913, an increase of 64 Subordinate Lodges, a loss of 135 Subordinate Encampments, a gain of 55 Rebekah Lodges, and a loss of 3 Cantons. There was a net increase in Subordinate Lodge members of 28,500, in Subordinate Encampment members of 1,945, in Rebekah Lodge members of 21,138, in Canton members of 409, and total net increase in membership of 50,389.

REVENUES AND FUNDS.

During the year ending December 31, 1913, the total revenue amounted to $18,950,609.48, being an increase over 1912 of $27,851.10. During the year 1913, 142,963 brothers and 8,230 widowed families shared in the distribution of relief, which aggregated $6,186,015.50.

The total invested funds of the Order on December 31, 1913, amounted to $66,163,274.48, a gain of $2,623,379.16 over the year 1912.

FUNDS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE 1913-14.

August 1, 1913, cash on hand	$70,149.30
August 1, 1914, cash received during the year	106,485.23
Total cash	$176,634.53
Warrants drawn from August 1, 1913, to July 31, 1914	101,216.50
Balance on hand July 31, 1914	$75,418.03

ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, AUGUST 1, 1914.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	$75,418.03
City of Philadelphia 3¼ per cent. Bonds at cost	102,499.30
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R. R. 4 per cent. Bonds at cost	49,988.75
Cash on deposit for Insurance	300.00
Steel and Electro Plates	15,587.26
Supplies at cost	20,408.27
Sovereign Grand Lodge Buildings and Furniture	50,000.00
Adding Machine, Grand Treasurer's Office	196.00
Debtor Balances	2,926.51
	$317,324.12
Assets August 1, 1913	302,020.27
Increase in assets	$15,303.85

ODD FELLOWS HOMES.

The condition of our Homes throughout the world is as follows:

Number of Homes	53
Number of residents	4,135
Residents admitted from date of opening	10,881
Cost of property	$3,634,981.34
Present value	5,211,596.15
Cost of maintenance	790,008.64

The Grand Secretary reported:

During the past year active and interesting work has been accomplished in the Order generally, though with exceptions, and, in some Jurisdictions conditions have been such as to retard progress. From the reports and correspondence it will appear that the fraternal and benevolent principles of Odd Fellowship have been carried out and that splendid loyalty prevails among the vast membership. The figures and tables showing benevolent expenditures for the various purposes of Odd Fellowship tell more impressively than words that the mission of the Order is being faithfully performed and humanity being blessed by its existence.

To the membership of all branches additions have been made and large net increase shown in Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah membership, while in the Encampment branch the progress has not been so good.

Taken in connection with the statistical reports of the various branches, the correspondence with the active official agencies and workers will prove interesting and give fully and clearly the conditions in different parts of North America, and in oversea Jurisdictions.

The net increase in Subordinate Lodge membership in 1913 was 28,500 compared with 20,763 in 1912; in sisters of the Rebekah branch, 16,634 compared with 20,264 in 1912; and of brothers of the Rebekah branch, 4,504 compared with 4,570 in 1912; in Encampment membership, 1,945 compared with 4,959 in 1912. Though the total returns for 1913 in Encampment membership show the net increase mentioned during the past year, it is worthy of consideration that the decrease in many Jurisdictions was overcome by increase in the others.

The total net gain, therefore, in all branches during 1913 was 51,583 compared with 49,980 in 1912, exclusive of the Patriarchs Militant branch, which shows an increase of 409, and makes the total net increase 51,992.

The total membership of the Order December 31, 1913, was 2,167,055, of which the Subordinate membership is 1,673,869, and 493,186 sisters of the Rebekah branch. It will thus be seen that the sisters of the Rebekah branch are only 6,814 short of one-half million members.

The total expenditure for relief in 1913 was $6,186,015.50 compared with $5,917,323.15 in 1912.

The receipts of Subordinates in 1913 amounted to $18,950,609.48 compared with $18,922,758.38 in 1912.

The total relief expenditure of the Order since 1830 has been $154,656,000.37.

In the figures above given are included not only the membership and work in North America, but also in all countries where the Order is established.

The condition of the Order in oversea Jurisdictions and countries is worthy of special and separate reference here, and it is gratifying

to be able to state that the splendid progress made and good results accomplished reflect great honor upon the Grand Bodies having jurisdiction and supervision in these countries.

Decisions.

The decisions of the Grand Sire as amended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge were as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

Decision 1. *Statement.*—The Grand Lodge of Texas at its last session adopted a report, reading as follows: "We, your Committee on the State of the Order, recommend that the brothers of the Subordinate Lodges of Texas co-operate in maintaining a voluntary fund in each Lodge for the relief of distress outside of our ranks, so that we may be true to the lesson of the Good Samaritan, and exemplify as Odd Fellows our belief of the common brotherhood of man."

Question 1.—Can a Lodge legally create and maintain in the Lodge a fund to be disbursed by its officers and in its name, for the relief of distress outside our ranks, or for donations or subscriptions to charitable objects more or less foreign to our organization?

Answer.—No.

Question 2.—Can a Subordinate Lodge take jurisdiction of and maintain, even through voluntary contributions, a fund for "outside charities?"

Answer.—No.

Dec. 2. It has been held it is not in good taste to celebrate our anniversary on Sunday, Busbee's Digest, Sec. 1; that it is illegal to hold meetings of a general relief committee on Sunday, Busbee's Digest, 1116; that meetings of all Subordinate bodies must be held on a week day, Busbee, Sec. 1853; that a Canton cannot parade on Sunday, Busbee, Sec. 2438; and that Sunday should be rigidly observed by all Odd Fellows, Busbee, Sec. 1854. I am therefore of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to grant a dispensation for a Sunday excursion to be given in the name of a Lodge or the Order or to grant the use of the emblems or regalia of the Order on such occasion.

Dec. 3. *Statement.*—Last year our Grand Master decided as follows: "No. 41. When the institution of a new Lodge changes the Territorial Jurisdiction of a member, such member is entitled to the privileges of the transfer law the same as though he had moved his residence."

The Judiciary Committee reported the same to the Grand Lodge as follows: "Decision 41 states in substance that the institution of a new lodge changed the Territorial Jurisdiction of a member, presumably without his moving, and states further that a member under such conditions is entitled to the privileges of the transfer law. We non-concur in this decision, as the Constitution states that it is necessary for a member to move his residence in order to avail himself of the privileges of the transfer law."

Upon motion the report of the Judiciary Committee as to Decision 41, was referred to the incoming Grand Master with the request that he submit the question involved to the Grand Sire for official decision.

Our Constitution for Subordinate Lodges provides as follows: "When a member of the Order changes his residence from one Territorial Juris-

diction to another holding an Official Certificate in date showing dues paid in advance may petition for membership in a Lodge in the Jurisdiction to which he has removed at or near his new residence, accompanying his petition with said Official Certificate, and if elected to membership the Secretary of such Lodge shall notify the Secretary of the Lodge issuing said Official Certificate or Visiting Card of such election, and upon notice, unless charges be pending against said member, said Lodge shall issue to him without ballot or fee a Transfer Certificate, which, on being delivered to the Lodge so electing him, he shall sign the Constitution of said Lodge and become a member of said Lodge without the payment of any admission fee; provided that if a physician's certificate is required, the applicant shall pay the expense thereof."

The Sovereign Grand Lodge at Minneapolis amended the transfer law to read as follows:

"That a member of the Order in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card changing his residence from the Territorial Jurisdiction of his Lodge or Encampment to the Territorial Jurisdiction of another and desiring to unite with a Lodge or Encampment at his new place of residence, upon making application for membership, accompanied by his Official Certificate or Visiting Card, showing his dues paid in advance, and being elected as provided by local law, upon notice being sent to the Secretary or Scribe of his Lodge or Encampment, said Lodge or Encampment shall, unless charges are pending against him, without ballot and fee, issue a Transfer Certificate, etc."

Question.—Which was right, the decision of the former Grand Master, or of the Judiciary Committee?

Answer.—While the decision of the Judiciary Committee may have been justified by the strict letter of the law, I feel that the Grand Master's decision comes nearer following the spirit of the law, and was correct. By the institution of the new Lodge the brother was changed from the Jurisdiction of one Lodge to that of another and I believe the purpose of the law was to enable him to transfer his membership, without expense, to that Lodge where it would be most convenient for him to attend, and I can not see that it makes any difference whether he moves to another Lodge or the institution of a new Lodge brings it nearer to him. The reason for the transfer is the same.

Dec. 4. *Question.*—Does Decision 11, as amended, 1913 Journal, pages 304-305, apply to any Lodge in any State, regardless of individual State Constitutions?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 5. *Statement.*—A brother applied for and was elected to membership in another Lodge in another Jurisdiction on his Official Certificate. The Lodge electing him asked for and received a Transfer Certificate from the Lodge to which the brother belonged July 10, 1912. After receipt of the Transfer Certificate the Secretary notified the brother to appear in the Lodge and sign the roll. Members of the Lodge also asked the brother to sign the roll. The brother has neglected and refused to do so, but has continued to send his dues to his old Lodge, which the Financial Secretary received and receipted for, the Financial Secretary not being aware that the Transfer Certificate had been issued. The brother has paid dues to his old Lodge to January 1, 1914.

Question.—Where does he belong, if anywhere, and what is his standing? Did his "severs membership" act, he not having been sick at any time since the Transfer Certificate was issued, put him out of the Order?

Answer.—He does not belong to either Lodge. (See Decision No. 3, page 427, Report No. 32, pages 671-705, Journal 1908; also Decision No. 42, page 66, Report No. 5, pages 211-312, Journal 1909.)

Dec. 6. *Statement.*—A Subordinate Lodge in July, 1912, for the purpose of raising a fund to defray the expenses of the Anniversary Celebration to be held April, 1913, adopted a resolution making an assessment of $1.00 on all members then belonging to the Lodge or who should become members thereof from that date until April 26, 1913. A member who, before that time, had been dropped for nonpayment of dues was re-instated in November, 1912. When he paid his first dues $1.00 was taken out of same under this resolution.

Question.—Could this member be legally taxed with this assessment, he not being a member of the Lodge when the assessment was ordered?

Answer.—No, unless the assessment was authorized by local legislation. If the assessment was authorized by local legislation, the member in question was liable for the payment thereof as were all other members of the Lodge whether they became members prior or subsequent to the assessment.

Dec. 7. *Question 1.*—In case a member desires to change his membership from one Lodge to another and who would not be within the meaning of the transfer law because there has been no change of residence and where he resides within the jurisdiction of several Lodges having concurrent Jurisdiction and he makes application by deposit of Visiting Card or Official Certificate and on such application is elected, *must* the Lodge of which he has been a member *under the laws and decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge,* issue and forward to the Lodge electing him a member, a Withdrawal Card for the brother, upon application therefor from the Secretary of the Lodge so electing the brother a member?

Answer.—Yes, if the brother is free from all charges and has paid all fees and dues.

Question 2.—Does the same rule apply in Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 3.—If the above questions are answered in the affirmative, then can a Grand Lodge enact legislation for its Jurisdiction, abrogating such laws and decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge so far as to require the application in such case for the Withdrawal Card to be made in person by the member or in writing by the member?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 8. *Statement.*—"A" has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a period of 25 years, during which time he was "suspended for cause" for a period of one year.

Question.—Is he entitled to a Veteran's Jewel?

Answer.—No. See Secs. 1604, 1611 and 1614, Busbee's Digest.

Dec. 9. *Question.*—May two or more Lodges, located in contiguous

territory and assembled by appointment for holding School of Instruction in ritualistic ceremonies, hold a joint meeting for initiating a class of candidates made up from the various Lodges interested, provided candidates have been previously regularly elected to membership and provided each Lodge participating be represented by a quorum of its members including Noble Grand and Secretary, together with their own records, charter, Constitution and By-Laws in the room and dispensation from Deputy or Grand Master having been procured and notice sent to members concerning such special meeting?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 11. *Statement.*—Clause No. 40. If the attending physician advises that the nature of the illness is such that the attendance of a nurse is necessary, one *shall be procured by the physician* and said attendance shall be continued until terminated by the *physician*, the cost of said nursing to be paid for out of the Sick Nursing Fund, but in no case to exceed $1.50 per calendar day. If in the hospital 75 cents per day to be paid to the brother.

Question 1.—Is the above By-Law legal and should it be approved by the Committee on Laws of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba?

Answer.—No.

Question 2.—Is it not in direct conflict with Clause 159, Busbee's Digest?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 3.—Can any person hire a nurse for a sick brother other than the Lodge or its Sick Visiting Committee and have the cost of said nursing paid out of the Nurse Fund?

Answer.—No, unless properly authorized.

Question 4.—You will notice that the above By-Law gives the physician power to hire or discharge the nurse without consulting the Lodge and have the Lodge pay the nurse. Would this be legal?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 13. *Question.*—Have we, as Odd Fellows, the right to permit the Masonic Fraternity to furnish part of the funds and own a hall in partnership with us?

Answer.—Yes, unless your Grand Lodge Constitution provides otherwise. See Busbee's Digest, Secs. 1917 and 2245.

Dec. 14. *Statement.*—A Lodge desires to have a By-Law to read as follows:

Dues. The regular dues or contributions payable by every brother *now a member of this Lodge,* shall be at the rate of eight dollars per year—or two dollars per quarter, payable quarterly in advance on the 1st of January, April, July and October.

And of those who shall *hereafter be initiated or admitted* shall be at the following rates payable at the same time as above mentioned.

Age at admission	21 to 30	$ 8.00	per annum.
" " "	31 to 35	9.00	" "
" " "	36 to 40	10.00	" "
" " "	41 to 45	12.00	" "
" " "	46 to 50	14.00	" "
" " "	51 to 55	16.00	" "
" " "	56 up	20.00	" "

Question.—Would it be legal to have two classes of dues, one for those who are now members of the Lodge and one for those who may be admitted after the passing of these amendments, or should all pay alike whether it be a standard scale or a sliding scale to apply to all according to age whether now in membership or admitted hereafter?

Answer.—The By-Law submitted is not in conflict with any general law.

Dec. 15. *Statement.*—In a city having concurrent jurisdiction it is desired to boost Odd Fellowship by having a monster class of candidates for the Initiatory Degree, the degree to be conferred at a joint meeting, by, or under the auspices of, one of the Lodges.

Question.—May a joint meeting of the Lodges in a city or town having concurrent jurisdiction be held within the limits of said concurrent jurisdiction for the purpose of conferring the Initiatory Degree, providing the candidates for the Initiatory Degree shall have been previously legally elected to membership, and providing further that the charter, Bible, Question Book, etc., of each Lodge are present in the lodge-room at the joint meeting and that each Lodge is opened and closed at said meeting in due form?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 16. *Statement.*—About 20 years ago a brother became a member of the Order in this State. A few years later he transferred to another Lodge in this State. About 12 years ago he transferred to a Lodge in the State of Missouri. In July, 1911, he transferred back to a Lodge in this State and was accepted in the usual form and has kept his dues paid since then, but it develops that he never signed the Constitution of the last Lodge that he was transferred to.

Question 1.—Is he a member of the last Lodge and entitled to sick benefits?

Answer.—No.

Question 2.—If it should develop that he was poisoned in 1905, from which he never fully recovered, and which has been the cause of his present disability (which he did not advise the last Lodge when he was taken in), does this, *per se,* act as a forfeiture of his benefits?

Answer.—No.

Question 3.—Is he entitled to his benefits as long as his dues are paid and no charge lodged against him on this account?

Answer.—No.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

Dec. 17. *Question 1.*—The 1914 term being the months January to September inclusive, do not Rebekah Lodge Officers earn the honors of office by attending a majority of the regular meetings in that period of nine months?

Answer.—Yes, provided they have continued in office and served therein to the end of the term.

Question 2.—May a Grand Lodge or Assembly, like its Subordinates, have a public installation of its officers?

Answer.—I find no law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge authorizing Grand Bodies and Rebekah Assemblies to hold public installations.

Busbee's Digest, Secs. 1424 to 1431 inclusive. The Book of Forms contains no ceremony for such installation, and until one is provided, I shall hold Grand Bodies cannot have public installations.

Dec. 18. *Statement.*—At the last session of our Grand Lodge the following amendment to the Rebekah Lodge Constitution was adopted: (Art. V, Sec. 1.) "The fee for membership in all cases shall be such as the Lodges, by By-Laws, may determine, but in no case less than one dollar, and in case of an unmarried white woman who applies as such and whose age exceeds 45 years, she shall pay in addition not less than one dollar per year for each year of her age exceeding 45 years, unless application is made under Article II, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, except as provided by the Transfer of Membership Law."

Question.—Is this amendment legal?

Answer.—I am of the opinion that the amendment to Article V. Sec. 1 of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual session in 1912 is legal.

Dec. 19. *Statement.*—(First.) Resolution No. 34 of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1906, page 716, reads as follows: "*Resolved,* That the respective Grand Lodges in Jurisdictions where Rebekah Assemblies are or may be organized, are hereby authorized to enact such legislation as will allow the President of such Assemblies to receive petitions for dispensations and charters for the institution of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, and grant same and institute new Rebekah Lodges subject to the approval of their Grand Lodges and under such legislation as may be prescribed by such Grand Lodges."

(Second.) Resolution No. 40 of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1907, page 250, reads as follows: "*Resolved,* That Secs. 2 and 3 of the Rebekah Code be and they are hereby amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 2. The Grand Lodges subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Rebekah Lodges at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits, and during the recess of such Grand Lodge the Grand Masters are hereby authorized to grant dispensations for the institutions of such Rebekah Lodges subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge at its next session. Sec. 3. A Grand Master shall be the installing officer, who may, however, appoint for that purpose any Past Grand or Past Noble Grand who is in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge."

Question 1.—To what extent does the Resolution No. 40 of the legislation of 1907 as above quoted, repeal Resolution No. 34 of the legislation of 1906?

Answer.—None of it. It is supplementary to the provisions of the Rebekah Code.

Question 2.—What authority exists, if any, other than the provisions of the Rebekah Code as amended, for the institution of Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—Resolution No. 34, Journal 1906, page 716.

Question 3.—Can Grand Masters in all Jurisdictions institute Rebekah Lodges as provided by Rebekah Code as so amended?

Answer.—Yes, unless authority otherwise has been given as provided for in Resolution No. 34, Journal 1906, page 716.

In Texas and in many other Jurisdictions laws like the one you quote from Michigan have been enacted. Resolution No. 40 of 1907 did not materially change the Rebekah Code from what it was before. This law is in full force and effect, except in Jurisdictions where the Grand Lodge has delegated its authority to the Rebekah Assembly as in Texas and Michigan. Where there is a Rebekah Assembly and the Grand Lodge has delegated its authority as provided by Resolution No. 34 of 1906, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge would have power or authority to act under the Rebekah Code as amended by Resolution No. 40 of 1907, without annulling the permission given to the Rebekah Assembly. If both had the right, conflict of authority would almost surely arise.

Dec. 20. *Question.*—Does the Transfer Law as amended at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except as relates to benefits, apply to Rebekah Lodges the same as to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Answer.—Yes

Dec. 21. *Question.*—Has the President of the Rebekah Assembly the right to recall and reclaim charter, books and other effects of defunct Rebekah Lodges, such action being under approval of the Grand Lodge, and according to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge?

Answer.—Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

Dec. 29. *Statement.*—The Past Grands form an association, elect officers, have a Constitution and By-Laws, initiation and installation ceremony, secret work and pass-words. A small fee is charged for admission and a small amount for dues.

Question 1.—Does such an organization come under the ban of Past Grand Sire W. L. Kuykendall's proclamation issued on January 10, 1910?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 2.—Can Past Officers have an association without ceremonies, secret work, pass-words, etc., that meets for the purpose of discussing legislation and socials that will have a tendency to build up the Order?

Answer.—Yes.

Dec. 30. *Statement.*—The Past Noble Grands of a Rebekah Lodge desire to form a social club, the club to be composed of the Past Noble Grands of this Lodge and their husbands. They wish to call the club: "The Past Noble Grands' Social Club of (name of lodge)."

Question.—Is it permissible, under our laws, for them so to organize and style themselves?

Answer.—Yes, provided they do not use the name of a Lodge.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

Dec. 31. *Statement.*—Under the laws of Indiana, Section 14 provides, "That should the funds of a Lodge become exhausted each member thereof shall make such contribution to the relief of sick and distressed brothers as shall be determined on by two-thirds of the membership present; but no motion or proposition to tax the mem-

bers of any Lodge or appropriate the funds thereof to other than charitable purposes or ordinary expenses of the Lodge shall be decided at the same meeting at which it is made, nor shall any such motion be lawful except at a regular meeting."

During the flood of 1912 a Lodge of this Jurisdiction was sorely afflicted, nearly one hundred of its members were in the flooded district, and at a special meeting held on Sunday, April 13, with a good attendance of the membership, a motion was made to assess the members $2.00 each for the relief of those affected by the flood. The vote was unanimously in favor. At the next regular meeting following the motion to make the assessment was again made and carried unanimously. The Lodge at the time had $900.00 in its treasury available for its uses. Besides it owned its own property and was not in distress financially.

Question.—Was this assessment legal and enforcible against all the members?

Answer.—From the statement it seems the funds of the Lodge had not become exhausted, and there was ample money in the treasury out of which such appropriation as was necessary could have been made, and I therefore answer *no* to your question.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

DEC. 33. *Question.*—Can a Rebekah Lodge be instituted, none of the charter members being in possession of the degree, or having cards or certificates from Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—Yes. See Sec. 27, Rebekah Code, Busbee's Digest, page 702.

GRAND LODGE DECISIONS.

DEC. 34. An amendment to Section 6 of Article 9, of the Grand Lodge Constitution of California, submitted to me, was not approved because in providing for the consolidation of Lodges they left out the clause contained in the old Constitution, as follows: provided there are not five Third Degree members in good standing in the Lodges who object to or protest against same." See Busbee's Digest, Section 1781. Also Journal 1904, pages 545, 752, 820; and 1906 Journal, pages 19, 219, 243.

DEC. 35. *Statement.*—The law referred to in Section 834 of Busbee's Digest authorizes a Grand Lodge so to legislate while a member of any Subordinate or Rebekah Lodge is a resident of an Odd Fellows' Home approved by the Grand Lodge, such Lodge or Rebekah Lodge shall be exempt from the payment of any benefits to such member, and that during such period of exemption from benefits no dues shall accrue against such member. The law digested in Section 2490 of the same Digest prohibits the payment of benefits by a Rebekah Lodge.

Question.—May a Grand Lodge enact that no dues shall accrue against a member of a Rebekah Lodge while such member is a resident of an Odd Fellows' Home under the control of said Grand Lodge?

Answer.—The law digested in Section 2490 of Busbee's Digest is later than the law covered by Sec. 834 of Busbee's Digest, and the two might be construed to mean that the exemption from payment of dues might be dependent upon the right to claim benefits, but I am

of the opinion that the intent was to relieve any member of the Order who was a resident of one of our Homes from the payment of dues, and for that reason answer you in the affirmative.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

DEC. 37. *Statement.*—Referring to Decisions No. 14 and No. 15, page 17, Journal 1913, and to the legislation referred to in connection with Decision No. 15.

Question 1.—May a Past Grand Patriarch wear a Past Grand Patriarch's Jewel in lieu of a regalia in a Subordinate or in a Grand Encampment?

Answer.—Yes, provided such Jewels issued since January, 1912, be those sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (see Report 96, Pages 376-403 S. G. L. Journal 1911)."

Question 2.—May a Past Grand Master or Past Grand Patriarch who before 1911 was in possession of a Past Grand Master's or Past Grand Patriarch's Jewel, which accorded with the laws then in force, now wear such Jewel in lieu of regalia (a) in a Lodge, (b) in a Rebekah Lodge, (c) in a Grand Lodge, (d) in a Subordinate Encampment, or (e) in a Grand Encampment?

Answer.—Yes.

Some changes were again made in the transfer of membership law, they relating to a charge for the transfer certificate. The law as it now exists is as follows:

"That a member of the Order in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card changing his residence from the Territorial Jurisdiction of his Lodge or Encampment to the Territorial Jurisdiction of another and desiring to unite with a Lodge or Encampment at his new place of residence, upon making application for membership, accompanied by his Official Certificate or Visiting Card, showing his dues paid in advance, and being elected as provided by local law, upon notice being sent by the Secretary or Scribe to his Lodge or Encampment, said Lodge or Encampment shall, unless charges are pending against him, without ballot, upon the payment of such fee not exceeding 25 cents as the Grand Body to which such Lodge or Encampment is subordinate may prescribe, issue a Transfer Certificate and send the same at once to the Secretary or Scribe sending for the same; and upon the receipt of Transfer Certificate, the member shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and become a member of the new Lodge or Encampment without the payment of any admission fee; *provided*, that if a physician's certificate is required he must pay the expenses for the same.

"*Provided*, That in Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the fee for issuing a Transfer Certificate shall be 25 cents.

"The Secretary or Scribe shall immediately report to the Secretary or Scribe of the Lodge or Encampment issuing the Transfer Certificate the date of signing the Constitution of the new Lodge or Encampment and he shall make a record thereof, and the old Lodge or Encampment shall immediately refund to the member all dues paid in advance of the date of signing the Constitution of the new Lodge or Encampment.

"The issuing of a Transfer Certificate shall sever membership in the Lodge or Encampment issuing it; *provided,* that if a member becomes sick or disabled, or shall die before the date to which his dues are paid and before completing his membership by signing the Constitution of his new Lodge or Encampment, then said Transfer Certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the Lodge or Encampment issuing the same and said member shall retain his beneficial standing in his old Lodge or Encampment, the same as though the Transfer Certificate had not been issued.

"If the member fails to sign the Constitution of his new Lodge or Encampment within three months after the date of his election, the Transfer Certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the Lodge or Encampment issuing the same and the member shall hold the same standing in his old Lodge or Encampment as though the Transfer Certificate had not been issued.

"*Provided,* That the foregoing shall not extend to or affect the Quasi-Independent Grand Jurisdictions."

The Grand Sire has ruled that the twenty-five cents fee is to be paid by the applicant for a Transfer.

The Sovereign Odd Fellow.

The action of the Grand Sire with reference to the publication known as "the Sovereign Odd Fellow" was approved, and no further action taken, pending the determination of the civil suits now in the Courts, the Sovereign Body asserting its confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the then incoming Grand Sire, our present Grand Sire, in any action that he may take in the matter.

Rebekah Legislation.

An amendment was adopted to the provision of law to the effect that a member of the Rebekah Lodge who has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years and has become sixty years of age may be carried as a non-contributing member, so that such non-contributing member may be reinstated as a contributing member in the manner provided for the reinstatement of members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Other Legislation.

Resolutions were adopted providing that the Reports of the Officers, the Daily Journals, and the Journals of Proceedings be sent to all Homes of the Order; that all statistical information regarding Homes be included in the Journal; that visitation of Grand Patriarchs to Subordinate Lodges be encouraged, but that no supervisory power be conferred over Subordinate Lodges; that each Grand Representative shall be allowed fifteen copies of the Daily Journal to be mailed under the direction of the Grand Secretary; changing the price of cards and certificates to Grand Bodies to fifteen cents each; adopting

a new Patriarchs Militant Code, an entirely new Patriarchs Militant Ritual and directing the Grand Sire to take such steps as may be necessary in his judgment to secure the passage by Congress and the Canadian Parliament of such laws as will protect the Order in the sole use of its emblems and preventing their use for advertising purposes.

Designs were adopted for jewels for Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires, for District Deputy Grand Sire, and for District Deputy President and for Past District Deputy President. The Committee on Codification of the Laws reported that it had been unable to complete its work and it was continued another year; the Committee announcing with confidence that it could report the complete code at the next session. The Committee on Temple and Permanent Meeting Place for the Sovereign Grand Lodge was discharged from further consideration of the subject. It is apparent that the adoption of any permanent place of meeting has been postponed for a substantial time. There is lack of unanimity as to a desirable place and at this time it does not appear at all likely that any one place can be fixed upon as a permanent meeting place of the Sovereign Body. To some of us this situation is disappointing.

A committee of three was appointed to consider the desirability of a uniform series of questions and answers to be used in the examination of candidates in the degrees taken before advancement to the next degree.

Much was heard by way of complaint against various insurance companies claiming to insure members of the Order only. Action was taken prohibiting Secretaries of Lodges and Grand Secretaries acting as collectors for Insurance Companies advertising to insure "Odd Fellows only," and that such officials should cease to give certificate as to the standing of the applicant for such insurance.

Appeals.

Five appeals were disposed of, and as much of the law of the Order is fixed in appeal cases, we report the syllabi of the cases, which state the principles of law involved.

1. Wilson vs. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

SYLLABUS.

1. *Continuous Sickness. Partial Recovery. Recurrence or Progress of Malady.*—A brother suffering with an ailment incurable in a technical and scientific sense, may yet so far recover as to be able to follow his usual avocation and to be well, within the meaning of our Laws, so that a recurrence of the malady or a total disability from its progress becomes a new sickness. Whether this is true is a question of fact to be determined by the Trial Body which hears the evidence.

2. *Conflict of Testimony.*—Under the long established practice of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a finding of fact by a Subordinate Lodge on a question where there is a conflict of testimony, will not be disturbed when there is any evidence to sustain the verdict.

3. *Practice on Appeal.*—Although the record on appeal discloses facts which might have produced a different result in the Subordinate Lodge and in the Grand Lodge on Appeal, if the case had been presented upon a different theory, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not adopt such different theory and reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge where to so do would amount to making for appellant a new case and one which the appellee was not called upon to meet in the Subordinate Lodge or the Grand Lodge.

2. Roanoke Lodge vs. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

SYLLABUS.

Assessments for funeral benefits, chargeable after an Official Receipt is issued, become a charge, which together with unpaid dues, may render a brother non-beneficial, even where his Official Receipt shows him to be entitled to benefits at time of death.

Where the Constitution of a Grand Jurisdiction provides that assessments may be made to pay funeral benefits and such assessment is made under the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge of that Jurisdiction, said assessment to become chargeable as dues 90 days after notice to the Lodge of the death of a brother and notice of same is provided for and received and where the By-Laws of a Lodge declare that a brother shall not be entitled to the pecuniary benefits of his Lodge, if indebted to the amount of one quarter's dues:

Held, that after the 90 days has elapsed, the assessment becomes a part of the charges on the books, and when it, together with unpaid dues, amounts to one quarter's dues, the brother becomes in arrears, and ceases to be entitled to the pecuniary benefits of his Lodge, even though he has an Official Receipt showing his dues paid to a time less than 13 weeks before his death.

3. Hallock vs. Grand Lodge of Alabama.

SYLLABUS.

Illegal Vote.—If known to Noble Grand to exist in a ballot, a re-ballot should be ordered; but a Noble Grand has not the power to eliminate such vote in arriving at result of ballot.

Reversal on Appeal.—Appellate body cannot reverse verdict of acquittal and direct the entry of a verdict of guilty.

4. Baker vs. Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

SYLLABUS.

1. *Illegal Expenditure of Funds.*—A Subordinate Lodge cannot legally expend its general fund for running steamboat excursions, con-

ducting a restaurant, giving picnics, entertainments, suppers and similar affairs; or in a general advertising campaign to those outside the Order for the purpose of soliciting and receiving members.

2. *Cannot Engage in Business Outside of the Objects of the Order.*—It is unlawful for a Subordinate Lodge to engage in the business of conducting steamboat excursions and running a restaurant at a State Fair, and when these things, as well as giving public entertainments, suppers, advertising in newspapers, pamphlets, circulars and periodicals, are engaged in, as part of a general campaign for making the public acquainted with the objects and practices of the Order for the purpose of soliciting new members it is not only illegal, but justly subject to severe censure.

3. *Improper Expenditure of Funds.*—A Subordinate Lodge cannot legally make an expenditure from its general fund to secure a list of "prospects" for membership in the Order and entering into a campaign of sending literature to such "prospects" in the hope of inducing some of them to become members of the Order.

4. *A Member of a Lodge Cannot be Reimbursed for Money Expended by Him for an Illegal Purpose.*—When a Lodge illegally engages in business ventures and illegally expends its funds in the same, a member of the Lodge, who has assisted in such illegal business and expenditures and has in prosecuting the same expended some of his own funds, cannot be reimbursed by the Lodge for the money so expended by him.

5. *Duty of Grand Officers.*—Grand Lodges and Grand Masters should be vigilant in preventing the illegal expenditure of its funds by a Lodge.

5. Sonderup vs. Grand Lodge of Kansas.

SYLLABUS.

Dismissal of charges by a Lodge after they have been referred to a Trial Committee.

A Lodge acting under a Constitution which provides that "these rules shall not deprive a Lodge of the right to dismiss an accusation which it deems insufficient" has the power to dismiss the charges because of their insufficiency, even though a Trial Committee, properly constituted, had proceeded with its duties at any time prior to the report of said committee to the Lodge.

Amendments to Constitution.

A Constitutional amendment designed to admit to membership in the Order persons eighteen years of age was again acted upon and was defeated by a vote of one hundred and one (101) yeas to 102 nays. 153 in its favor were necessary for its adoption. Subsequent to the defeat of the proposition it was again introduced and comes up again at the next session.

There was also a proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring that Grand Representatives must have received the Patriarch Militant

Degree and be a member in good standing of a Canton in good standing. This proposition was also defeated and reintroduced and will again come up for action at the next session.

An entire revision of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was submitted by the Codification Committee and was acted upon in detail in the hope that its terms could be agreed upon and it could be adopted at the next session without misunderstanding or any further effort to change its provisions.

Next Place of Meeting.

San Francisco, California, was selected as the place for the meeting of the 1915 session, there being no other invitation. The Representatives from Maryland announced that Baltimore is prepared to receive the Sovereign Body whenever it cares to meet there.

Election of Officers.

There was no contest for any of the offices except that of Deputy Grand Sire. For that position there were nine nominations as follows: W. W. Phelps, of California; F. C. Goudy, of Colorado; C. D. Rinehart, of Florida; Alfred S. Kimball, of Maine; Lucian J. Eastin, of Missouri; F. P. Trautmann, of New York; J. B. A. Robertson, of Oklahoma; Joseph Oliver, of Ontario, and Wilson K. Mohr, of Pennsylvania.

It took six ballots to elect Brother J. B. A. Robertson, of Oklahoma, having 110 votes on that ballot and Brother Frank C. Goudy, of Colorado, having 90.

The following officers were elected: Robert T. Daniel, of Georgia, Grand Sire; J. B. A. Robertson, of Oklahoma, Deputy Grand Sire; John B. Goodwin, of Maryland, Grand Secretary; M. Richards Muckle, of Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer.

The following appointments were announced and confirmed: Rev. J. A. Lucas, of Illinois, Grand Chaplain; John A. Hynds, of Georgia, Grand Marshal; E. L. Webber, of British Columbia, Grand Guardian; D. E. Bird, of Missouri, Grand Messenger; J. Edw. Kroh, of Maryland, Assistant Grand Secretary. The officers were installed by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton.

Incidents.

There was a parade on Wednesday afternoon which made a creditable appearance under all the circumstances, although the accommodations for the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were far from satisfactory. The Degree of Chivalry and a Military Ball was a public function largely attended. A battalion of orphans from the Orphan's Home of Philadelphia with their own juvenile band was a feature of

the parade, and likewise of the morning session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The orphans visited the session of Wednesday morning and their presence and the exercises which they presented stirred the feelings.

Thursday the Sovereign Body took a short recess while Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, the original Lodge, marched around the hall and received the plaudits of the Representatives of the mighty Order which had sprung from the little acorn planted at Baltimore.

The Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes Association held several meetings with our own Grand Secretary in attendance. Connecticut was honored not only in the invitation extended to our Grand Secretary to address the Association, but also in the character of the address that he made.

General A. R. Stocker, of Ohio, was reappointed Commander of the Patriarchs Militant.

Conclusion.

Your Representatives close their report with an expression of appreciation of the honors conferred upon them and of their pride in that the Order in this Jurisdiction has so long expressed its confidence in them.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. ROYS,
PHILIP POND,
Grand Representatives.

On motion the report of the Grand Representatives was accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence:

Bridgeport, Conn., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following report:

Alabama.

The seventy-fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held

at Birmingham, May 12-13, 1914. Grand Master says: "In taking charge of my work as Grand Master, I first requested the Grand Secretary to furnish me with a list of all delinquent and defunct Lodges, and all in arrears for per capita tax for one year or more He sent me a list of about 86 Lodges in arrears. All of these Lodges have had attention, either personally, or through my Special Deputies, and the majority of these Lodges have been revived or re-organized, as you will find in another place in my report. Some few charters have been taken up from Lodges where fifteen members could not be obtained, but nearly all the Lodges re-organized have increased their membership and there has been a general increase in membership and more increase and interest in all the Lodges.

"There are 15 counties in Alabama without an Odd Fellows Lodge.

"There are also 23 counties in the State with less than five Lodges.

"This shows that there is now lying fallow a good field for our labors."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 17,091; loss, 2,579. Assets, $266,060.69.

Arkansas.

The sixty-fifth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Little Rock, October 27-28, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 24,482, loss, 2,306. Assets. $358,410.64.

Arizona.

The thirtieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Phoenix, April 20-22, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: "Your Grand Secretary takes great pleasure in reporting a substantial increase in the membership of the Order in this jurisdiction during the past year. The increase over last year is considerable, which demonstrates that Odd Fellowship in Arizona is keeping pace with the general improvements of conditions in the State and that with concerted action on the part of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge our Order can be made the largest in the State."

Subordinate Lodge membership, 2,194; gain, 130. Assets, $160,166.26. Rebekah Lodge membership, 1,374; gain, 29. Assets, $3,876.38.

British Columbia.

The fortieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Victoria, June 10-12, 1914. Grand Master says: "Owing to the general depression the Order has not progressed as rapidly as I had wished for, our net gain being only about five per cent. Lost a large number by suspension for non-payment of dues. I am pleased to say that most of the Lodges are financially strong."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,026, gain, 342. Assets, $1,160,282.31. Rebekah Lodge membership 2,389. Assets, $5,773.33.

California.

The sixty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Santa Cruz, May 12-15, 1914. Grand Master says: "The Order has increased some in membership during the past year, 2150 having been initiated. Its number is to-day considerably greater than it was one year ago, although at the end of 1913, 1724 members were suspended for non-payment of dues. The death roll has been large, and I regret to say that during my term many good brothers who have been active in the Order have crossed the silent river."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 46,099; gain, 77. Assets, $4,434,657.06. Rebekah Lodge membership, 33,791; gain, 171.

Colorado.

The forty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Denver, October 20-22, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 14,155; loss, 220. Assets, $817,468.85.

Delaware.

The eighty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Wilmington, November 18, 1914. Grand Master says: "The past year has been a very pleasant and prosperous year in our Order. We have gained rapidly in number, financially, and in the fraternal spirit of Odd Fellowship. We may, therefore, rejoice in the past, and with reverence let us bow in acknowledgment of the wisdom and goodness that has controlled our destiny. We may look with pleasure upon the promise of the future, and let us all as one great band of Brothers take up the work before us with courage and with confidence and make the coming year the greatest year yet known in the works of Odd Fellowship of Delaware."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 3,812; gain, 386. Assets, $201,504.01. Rebekah Lodge membership, 369; gain, 38. Assets, $9,975.02.

Florida.

The fifty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Lakeland, April 21-22, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,229; loss, 127. Assets, $109,897.51.

Idaho.

The thirty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Boise, October 20-22, 1914. Grand Master says: "It is gratifying to me to be able to report to you that peace, harmony and prosperity mark the prevailing condition and state of the Order in this jurisdiction.

"Some Lodges have prospered more than others, some are larger and wealthier than others, while some have more live, energetic and industrious members than others. We have a number of weak and struggling Lodges—Lodges that can scarcely get a quorum together for the transaction of business, and they find it hard to maintain interest or even keep in standing. I think there has been too strong a tendency to organize small Lodges where the communities were not large and prosperous enough to sustain them. I have discouraged the organization of new Lodges during my term for this very reason."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 8,199; loss, 181. Assets, $699,984.78.

Illinois.

The seventy-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Springfield, November 17-19, 1914. Grand Master says: "Our journey during the year just closing has been pleasant and profitable. No disturbing elements approaching the magnitude of a public calamity have arisen to cast their blighting shadow across our pathway and we have been permitted to pursue our labors after the usual manner and without any extraordinary requirements from external quarters. Our material progress has been steady and sure. Notwithstanding the wide-spread commercial and financial depression, our membership has gradually increased in numbers and I am pleased to report that our financial condition is eminently satisfactory My personal observation together with reports reaching me daily from all quarters indicate that we are approaching the season of activity in the fraternal world manifesting a fitness, zeal and determination that I have not seen equalled in the four years I have devoted to state-wide Odd Fellowship, and I doubt if the general prospects have been brighter in the history of the Order. For these and all the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us, we are devoutly thankful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, through whose favor we receive all good and perfect gifts."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 105,062; gain, 2,531. Assets, $3,296,371.95. Rebekah Lodge membership, 57,088. Assets, $95,831.32.

Indiana.

The seventy-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Indianapolis, November 18-19, 1914. Grand Master says: "I want to congratulate the over 85,000 Odd Fellows of Indiana on the condition of the Order in the State. Undoubtedly this year's work has done much to create a better Odd Fellowship. There is no question in my mind that our Round Table meetings have caused the membership generally to understand that they must act and live Odd Fellowship if this great instituion is to be the power for good as it is intended it should be. I also want to congratulate the Lodges for the added interest taken in the affairs of the Order. The fact that our Lodges are in better working condition than ever before and are conferring the degrees in a manner that they initiate Odd Fellows and not members is due cause for hearty congratulations."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 85,131; gain, 809. Assets, $4,203,369.25.

Iowa.

The sixty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, October 21-23, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 59,199; gain, 354. Assets, $1,990,813.00. Rebeka Lodge membership, 41,769; gain, 543. Assets, $23,587.52.

Kansas.

The fifty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Manhattan, October 14-15, 1914 Grand Master says: "We regret to report that the Order will not show a net gain for the year, but conditions have been such in the State for the past three years, and especially culminating in an almost complete failure last year, in crop conditions, that we could not well expect a gain; in fact, would expect a much larger loss than will be chronicled.

"Upon accepting this office we decided that it was not so much a large numerical increase needed, but a more dignified and united front, if possible; a higher conception of the Order; a higher standard of efficiency in our degree work; and a better business method for conserving our finances. We are glad to report that a wave of reformation has spread over the State; Lodges are changing their By-Laws to a more efficient business basis; are demanding that he who knocks at the door of the Lodge-room shall bring something in with him; are demanding the best available members for officers; are tending to create a higher standard in all departments than ever before.

"The inevitable drain seems to play a conspicuous part in the affairs of the Lodges, and has been responsible for the offset in membership

gains which should otherwise be ours this year; I refer to dropped for non-payment of dues. How can we stop it? Never! until we have reached that high plane of dignity due our beloved Order and have placed it where it properly belongs in the commercial world. Let us hope there is a new day dawning for Odd-Fellowship in this State, as well as everywhere, and that the class of men who knock at our doors will become so imbued with the great principles of the Order and impressed with its great possibilities that they will place as one of their foremost obligations their duty to their Lodge."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 49,938; loss, 194. Assets, $1,824,194.51.

Kentucky.

The seventy-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Frankfort, October 13-14, 1914. Grand Master says: "During the twelve months ending July 1, 1914, there have been initiated the large number of 2140 members, so that had the Lodges prevented the losses from non-payment of dues and other avoidable causes, we could now record a handsome increase in membership. As a fact, over one-half of the Lodges show a loss in membership, another large number considers it sufficient simply to remain in *statu quo;* while less than a third of the Lodges are keeping our banners lifted high to the honor of our great Fraternity. The saddest fact in this line is, that most of the Lodges that have children in the Home are allowing their membership to dwindle. One Lodge which had a membership of 70, and has had five residents in the Home, has now only 18 members in good standing. This suggests that the Grand Lodge may be forced to require children of such Lodges to be withdrawn from the Home. I commend this to the serious attention of this Grand body.

"By the most strenuous campaign by the combined efforts of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, we seemed to have stopped the backward tide of the two past administrations, but we are not satisfied yet with results. We trust that there has been considerable increase since July 1st, which will not show in the Grand Secretary's report, as his figures close with reports of June 30th.

"I beg all representatives at this Grand Session to attend their Subordinate Lodges regularly from now until January 1, 1915, and begin at once steps in your Lodge to prevent losses from non-payment of dues."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 28,740; loss, 113. Assets, $1,359,373.48.

Louisiana.

The eighty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Hammond, March 10-12, 1914. Grand Master says: "The end of

this, the fiscal year, of our Order, has shown some peculiar conditions. In parts of the State the Order has prospered, and in others, it has gone backward. The different financial conditions is wholly responsible for these conditions.

"The Southern portion of the State promised a healthy increase at the beginning of the year, but the heavy rains just at harvest time, checked the prosperity of that portion of the State, so we have fallen short of our expectations from that portion. I find in parts of the middle portion of the State, a healthy condition and with some Lodges an increase is shown, while with others, there is a lack of ambition and confidence and they show no increase, and some, a decrease. I am pleased to report however, that peace and harmony is in evidence throughout the State and prospects are brighter than for some years for a healthy increase in membership.

"In North Louisiana and the timbered parts of the State I find that some Lodges are growing and some are going backwards, and I attribute it to the saw mills moving out and leaving for other fields.

"The Lodges in the City of New Orleans are prosperous and in a healthy condition, and I attribute this condition partly to the loyal efforts of the District Committee of District No. 1 of the Parish of Orleans which was permitted to organize at our last session of this Grand Lodge in the City of New Orleans last March. This committee has done a wonderful work. The results of this committee has convinced me that such committees should be organized throughout the State, and the several Lodges in such Districts pay the actual expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master and suite of said District, when on official visits, etc.

"I, like my predecessor, have not visited the Lodges as I would have liked to have done, had circumstances permitted. My time was not mine, and I resigned my position in September so I could visit some of the weaker Lodges, between then and November 1st."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,503; gain, 116. Assets, $136,895.38.

Maine.

The seventy-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Portland, October 21, 1914. Grand Master says: "I am very glad to say harmony prevails throughout this jurisdiction with but few exceptions. Nearly all the Lodges are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and are active in carrying on the great work in which they are engaged. The few Lodges that are not strong and vigorous have had special attention, either by a personal visit or by a special communication. In a few instances I have requested a District Deputy Grand Master to make visits and perform some special duties. The results, considered as a whole, have been gratifying. It has been

my desire to render special help to Lodges that have been inactive or that have become discouraged. The large and strong Lodges are moving forward with a momentum acquired from an activity which stimulates healthy conditions. They are constantly vigilant and therefore prosperous. I considered it most desirable that such should be the uniform condition of all Lodges. I have not always been able to render as much assistance as I would like, or to grant requests which did not appear to me to be for the best interests or for the permanent good of the Order as a whole. This fraternity has reached a position in the great agencies for good in this world where it stands in the front rank. In my judgment the time has come when a change should be made in an important matter. I firmly believe that the question of benefit should be left in a much larger sense to the decision of Subordinate Lodges. If authority should be granted so that each Lodge could use its discretion in this important line of work. I believe a great advantage would result to all interested. I think the most desirable change that could be made at first would be to authorize new Lodges to decide whether or not they would pay compulsory benefits. I firmly believe this fraternity has sufficient with its beneficial qualifications left optional with each Lodge to commend it to those who desire the best that this world can offer in the fraternal line of usefulness. I am well aware that this Grand Lodge has not the authority to make such a radical change, yet I firmly believe each jurisdiction should have a larger control of this important subject. I am not unmindful of the great good that is now accomplished, but I believe even better results could be attained and its sphere of usefulness increased far beyond its present great attainments as a salutory influence for good among men."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 26,042; gain, 283. Assets, $1,002,899.50. Rebekah Lodge membership, 23,330; gain, 733. Assets, $24,450.21.

Manitoba.

The thirty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Winnipeg, March 4-5, 1914. Grand Master says: "To those who looked forward to 1913 as one of great advancement, the result may be somewhat disappointing. This, of course, is due to the general stringency of the money market, which has prevailed throughout the world, and our Order must share in this depression. The condition of the Order throughout this Jurisdiction has suffered, however, in no other respect. Each year we find the usual leakage by suspensions for N. P. Ds and look for an increase by admissions to offset this, to a greater degree than has been our realization during the year. When assuming office, my ambition was to help those who most required assistance and I am conscious of having been somewhat successful in this respect. Lodges that were apparently in the rut, have

manifested satisfactory evidence of activity, and realize more clearly the duty they owe to this great organization. To those Lodges whom I have been unable to visit I feel assured this explanation will appeal.

"The magnitude of the work and my inability to devote a greater portion of my time has caused me considerable worry, as the Macedonian appeal comes with power to those who have any conception of what is required of them. The fact remains, however, each Lodge should be visited, they expect it, and are surely benefited by it, and happy is the man who can respond to every appeal.

"I have endeavored each month to reach the Lodges through the columns of the W. C. O., a copy of which has been mailed them. Any failure in this respect is attributable to those who have not sought this channel for information. Considerable correspondence has been carried on regarding the instituting of new Lodges which will, I trust, in time bear fruit, but I am strongly of the opinion we should proceed cautiously along this line. Having received my early training on the farm, I was taught to have ground well prepared in order to expect a profitable harvest, and this rule should be followed in our work, as nurses in our institution should be used for members only, not lodges."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 10,186; gain, 433. Assets, $300,188.33. Rebekah Lodge membership, 6,192; gain, 929. Assets, $4,343.52.

Maritime Provinces.

The fifty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Woodstock, N. B., August 12-13, 1914. Grand Master says: "The strength of our Order, in the number of Lodges, has been increased by one Subordinate Lodge and three Rebekah Lodges. While the growth along this particular line during the year just ended, is considerably lower than in 1913, we have had, taking everything into consideration, a very successful year."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 11,048; gain, 421. Assets, $208,513.65. Rebekah Lodge membership, 5,520; gain, 399. Assets, $3,400.00.

Maryland.

The eighty-sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Baltimore, April 20-21, 1914 Grand Master says: "In making this, my last report, as an officer of the Grand Lodge, I want to thank, first, you members of this grand old Mother Jurisdiction for the great honor you have conferred upon me The present condition of our Grand Order is very satisfactory. Since our last annual meeting the spirit of enthusiasm has continued to such an extent that we now

occupy ground far in advance of our expectations of a year ago. We are in evidence in every nook and corner of the State. Our numerical growth has been wonderful owing to the splendid loyal co-operation of each and every member of the entire working force."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 14,184; gain, 1,344. Assets, $402,792.40.

Massachusetts.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Boston, September 3, 1914. Grand Master says: "State of the Jurisdiction—When I took office, last September, I found the Jurisdiction in an eminently flourishing and satisfactory condition in all respects but one—growth. A tabulation of the membership in Massachusetts for the last forty years has been prepared by the Grand Secretary, and will be found in the Appendix 'AA.' From this it may be seen that, in later years, the tendency has been to make a fair increase in the first half of the year, and little or none in the second. But last year, owing, principally, to exceptional circumstances reported by Past Grand Master Roberts, the first half showed, practically, no gain at all—to be precise, a gain of five. And if, then, the second half followed the precedent of the last four years, a loss in the whole year was inevitable. This was the condition which confronted us last fall. For the first time in its history the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts would report a loss in membership. What was to be done? There was no time to spend in visitations; so I betook myself to my pen. I brought the matter to the attention of our brethren. They rose as one man and attended to it.

"I have, then, the honor to report to you, for the last four months of 1913, a net gain of 496 members, the largest gain made in that half of the year since 1894, and, for the whole year from July, 1913, to July, 1914, a net gain of 1372, which is the largest gain reported for twenty years. I have also the honor to report a net gain in invested funds, during the year, of $70,201.41, and a net gain in fraternal feeling which is quite incommensurable in figures and inexpressible in words. These remarkable results were attained, first, by the magnificent work of the Lodges, their officers and men; and, secondly, by that of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The only share that I personally, had in them was to act as an intensely interested spectator."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 60,436; gain, 517. Assets, $2,635,274.87. Rebekah Lodge membership, 34,314; gain, 905. Assets, $227,094.29.

Michigan.

The seventieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Flint, October 20-22, 1914. Grand Master says: "It has been a

splendid year from the viewpoint of activity of our Lodges and members, and everywhere the earnest enthusiasm of the members has been an inspiration to me to do everything that lay in my power for the advancement of the work in Michigan. It has entailed many sacrifices, both personal and financial, but I have been glad to do it, when I knew that my feeble efforts were most splendidly supplemented by the great loyal Brotherhood in this State, who, in almost every instance stood ready to support me in my efforts to place Michigan Odd Fellowship more nearly at the top of the ladder of three-link success where it rightfully belongs. The last reports from the Sovereign Grand Lodge indicate that Michigan has moved from eighth to seventh place in point of membership as compared with the other Grand Jurisdictions. In per cent. of gain to membership, it stands first; in net gain it stands second, being exceeded only by the great Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania with more than 1,200 Lodges and more than 150,000 members to labor in the fields for Odd Fellowship, so that we may each of us go forth to renewed efforts with the knowledge that Michigan is most surely forging its way to the position that it should rightfully assume among the Grand Jurisdictions and the knowledge that it is to be reckoned with in the on-coming ever-changing days that are to come as one of the foremost in all things that lead to the inculcation of those great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth—that trinity of fraternal endeavor for which our Order stands."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 62,200; gain, 2,865. Assets, $1,274,690.46.

Minnesota.

The sixty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Northfield, June 18-19, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 23,032; gain, 706. Assets, $1,457,744.28. Rebekah Lodge membership, 13,273; gain, 1,228. Assets, $19,200.46.

Missouri.

The seventy-sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Carthage, May 19-21, 1914. Grand Master says: "The past year was one of marked improvement in all departments of our work. We have made a slight gain in membership during 1914. The future growth of Odd Fellowship is dependent upon a more careful selection of those elected to receive the mysteries of our Order and a more perfect presentation of the ritualistic work. We should endeavor to more thoroughly instruct the members of our fraternity in the principles underlying our institution. A knowledge of the intrinsic excellencies of our beloved Order will unite those admitted to our mysteries by an indissoluble bond. We must also be more exacting in requiring Lodges to obey the provisions of the Constitution regarding the qualification

for degrees, and compel every person to be proficient in the degree he has already received before he is advanced. Officers should not be installed until they have committed the charges of their respective offices and understand the duties of their respective stations, so that Lodge business may be transacted with dignity and dispatch.

"We have been so intent upon increasing our membership that the nobler purposes of Odd Fellowship have been to some extent neglected. If we maintain our present strength and every Odd Fellow carries out the mission of the fraternity, our power for good will be inestimable."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 63,657; gain, 78. Assets, $2,480,908.90. Rebekah Lodge membership, 30,330; gain, 352. Assets, $1,421.14.

Montana.

The fortieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Butte, October 20-21, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 6,572; gain, 317. Assets, $193,000.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 3,267; gain, 347. Assets, $2,325.03.

Nebraska.

The fifty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Grand Island, October 21-22, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 25,245; gain, 383. Assets, $917,985.70.

Nevada.

The forty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Reno, June 16-17, 1914. Grand Master says: "I believe that a more harmonious condition has never existed in our Jurisdiction than prevails at this time. Not a single appeal has reached me during my term of office."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 1,596; loss, 56. Assets, $115,284.11. Rebekah Lodge membership, 1,367. Assets, $4,743.95.

New Hampshire.

The seventy-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Laconia, October 14, 1914. Grand Master says: "I take pleasure in reporting that the Lodges in New Hampshire have as a whole shown great activity during the last year. It is indeed gratifying to know that for the term ending June 30, 1914, we made a net gain of 169 tried and true members, who I am sure will prove valuable assets

to our Order. It is with equal satisfaction that I can report for the same term that our suspensations were only two-fifths of one per cent., a record of which any jurisdiction can be justly proud. Nearly all of our Lodges are in good financial condition and during the past year have increased their strength by nearly $15,000, which is proof in itself that they are working on a conservative and economical basis."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 15,682; gain, 53. Assets, $634,819.74. Rebekah Lodge membership, 16,091; gain, 183. Assets, $62,360.98.

New Jersey.

The eighty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Trenton, November 18-19, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 30,332; gain, 411. Assets, $1,428,424.17.

New Mexico.

The twenty-fifth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Albuquerque, October 6-7, 1914. Grand Master says: "From the reports I have had from time to time from the different District Deputies leads me to believe considerable enthusiasm is shown, especially in the outlying country, in the work of our Order."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 2,475; Loss, 48. Assets, $49,264.00.

New York.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at New York City, August 18-20,1914. Grand Master says: "The whirling wheels of time have again brought us to our annual session and the duties undertaken with a great degree of trepidation are soon to be performed by others. Taking the year in retrospect it has been a fairly successful one. We now number over 126,000 in the subordinate branch. To be the executive head of a body of men representing all walks in life; different ideals; individual idiosyncrasies calls into action the most potent factors of any man who is endeavoring to fill honestly and conscientiously the duty of the Grand Master. It is not my purpose to here enlarge upon my gratitude to the Order at large for placing me in this responsible position. I trust that my work for the fraternity in the future will demonstrate in a measure the gratitude I feel for the honor conferred upon me. Nor is it my purpose to dwell upon mistakes made, for the mistakes and successes of the past year are now history. The failures, I trust, will not impede the work of my successors. If any benefit to the Order has come through my efforts during the year, I cheerfully pass it on to men who have been loyal and true to me and to the Order."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 126,294; gain, 1,859.

North Carolina.

The seventy-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Durham, May 19-21, 1914. Grand Master says: "The growth of Odd Fellowship in this Grand Jurisdiction since the last session of the Grand Lodge has been quite satisfactory, and the Order now shows a vitality that is pleasing in a high degree. Our last meeting in Greensboro found the Order facing a season of depression and the outlook was far from encouraging. Reports from the Subordinate Lodges on June 30, 1913, soon after the session of the Grand Lodge, showed a loss in membership of 199 for the term, with a backward tendency apparently in full sway. Twelve hundred and fifty-two members had been dropped in dead Lodges and for non-payment of dues, and I must confess to a feeling, at that time, bordering on despair. But we are told that 'there is a silver lining to every cloud,' and that 'He who by the plow would thrive must either hold on himself or drive.' I saw at a glance, there was driving ahead and assumed the reins with the determination 'to do, or dare to try.' Plans for a forward movement were unfolded to the membership by personal letters to officers and members of the Lodges, and through our official organ, the *North Carolina Odd Fellow.* The suggestion offered met with general approval. One hundred and fifty-three Lodges responded to the call for service in a membership campaign and about seventy-five of these participated actively on the field of operations. The first period of the membership campaign was concluded, with specially arranged meetings by the Lodges interested, during the week of Thanksgiving. The revival period continued through the Christmas holidays, and proved to be a season of fellowship and good cheer. During this term, ending December 31, 1913, 1,581 additions to the membership were reported as against 1,271 for the six months previous. The net gain for term was 408, against a loss of 199, between January and July. Our total membership on January 1, 1913, was 16,088; on January 1, 1914, 16,299, showing a net gain for the year of 211. Then it was that the brethren began to take courage, and early in the new year a band of militant patriotic citizens went forth conquering and to conquer. They appeared to realize that the Order must either go forward or backward, and that it would not go forward without effort and co-operation. A 'home-coming' event was suggested by our venerable Grand Secretary and the forward movement received added impetus in the efforts put forth by many of our Lodges to bring back former brothers who had permitted their memberships to lapse. Reports from the Lodges that observed the 'home-coming' period indicate the reinstatement of scores of brethren who had ceased to affiliate with the Order. And, in the meantime, new

applications for membership continue to pour in, and our beneficent organization now appears to be making steady progress.

"But taking a retrospect of the year's work, I feel that the expansion of the Order should have been greater than it was. If we wish to accomplish aught in this world, whether great things or those of minor import; if we wish to have them done well we must do them ourselves. Not in any half-hearted way, but with the dynamic power that never fails to accompany concentrated driving, irresistible ambition. We have not reached the fullest fruition in realizing the golden precepts of the Order, for it should be twice the size we are privileged to report in numerical strength. However, human effort, no matter how earnest and progressive, is limited. We meet with obstacles on every hand and are often restricted in the results obtained, when the ratio of energy put forth is the largest. And, while I do not wish to be hypercritical, I feel that I should impress upon your minds individually and collectively, the necessity for personal activity in the interest of the Order, and the need of growing in the faith that has the power to move mountains. If we are lacking in this faith, we cannot develop our splendid Order so as to attain the symmetrical and imposing proportions that we all believe it ought to reach. If our membership is to be materially increased, as it should be, there is only one way to perform the feat; and that is for every Odd Fellow in this good State of freedom and opportunity, to put forth his whole energy into the work of augmenting the membership of his Lodge and backing up that activity by the avowed determination to see Odd Fellowship retain its position as the most forcible and influential philanthropic Order in North Carolina. The forward movement is still in progress and many of the smaller Lodges are just now beginning to imbibe something of the revival spirit. Let every true Odd Fellow join in the effort to gather new members into the fold, with the full determination to make this the most successful year the Order has ever experienced in the commonwealth."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 16,299; gain, 211. Assets, $306,500.83. Rebekah Lodge membership, 2, 594; loss, 213.

North Dakota.

The twenty-fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Oakes, June 2-3, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,245; gain, 187. Assets, $129,123.35.

Ohio.

The eighty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Dayton, June 16-19, 1914. Grand Master says: "The report for the year 1913 showed a large increase in membership, and great interest

in the growth of Odd Fellowship was manifested in nearly every Lodge in the State. Immediately after the January Installation, I sent a request to each Lodge to secure a class for initiation on the first meeting night in March, 1914. From reports received from the Lodges more than two thousand and five hundred candidates were admitted to the Order, and our membership on April 1, 1914, exceeded the ninety thousand mark. The great growth in the Order the past year could not have been made, had not all the Lodges of the State, and the Officers thereof, earnestly assisted me in this great work. I feel that each Lodge should claim its full share of credit for the victory achieved."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 87,788; gain, 1,959. Assets, $3,255,428.54. Rebekah Lodge membership, 45,812; gain, 472. Assets, $12,655.55.

Oklahoma.

The fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Tulsa, October 6-8, 1914. Grand Master says: "I am pleased to report to this Grand Body that from information received from various sections of the Jurisdiction that the fraternal standing in our Order was never better than it is to-day. Odd Fellowship has never before encountered in a financial way anything that was equal to the straits into which the people have been thrown for the past two years, but notwithstanding the pangs that have sunken deep into the hearts of men during that period, Odd Fellowship by our people has not been forgotten and neglected during all these oppressions, but has grown steadily, the tendency of which is Onward and Upward and with the prosperity that is brought in the western part of our Jurisdiction because of the abundant wheat crop that is yielded to the relief of its citizens and of the great prospects of the cotton crop in the southern and eastern part of our State, there is no power that can check the growth of Odd Fellowship during the next year, and I do hope and believe that every Odd Fellow known to our Fraternity will do well his part for the incoming term and the next Grand Master will possibly have the pleasure of reporting a greater gain in Odd Fellowship than was ever made during any Grand Master's term of office. We have fought the battle during our term of office as best we knew how, and it will be left for you to say whether we have done well or not."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 35,095; gain, 1,861. Assets, $664,592.64. Rebekah Lodge membership, 13,288; loss, 323. Assets, $16,310.16.

Ontario.

The sixtieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at

Toronto, August 13-14, 1914. Grand Master says: "From the report of our Grand Secretary you will see that a substantial increase has been made in our membership, and in the assets and invested funds during the past year. This is very desirable, but what is more pleasing is the fact that throughout the entire jurisdiction there is an increasing desire to have the work of the degrees more uniformly and perfectly given, and with the entire absence of rituals. More and more the general public is recognizing that, not only are Odd Fellows zealous and energetic in carrying out the command 'to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan,' but that our Order is one of the strongest factors in the social and moral development of our people.

"We have now 401 active working Lodges, with a membership of 53,602. Considering the fact that we have had a year of financial stringency I feel you will agree with me that this is a very satisfactory showing."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 51,974; gain, 2,528. Assets, $2,214,595.06. Rebekah Lodge membership, 10,417; gain, 1,630. Assets, $28,347.86.

Oregon.

The fifty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at McMinnville, May 20-21, 1914. Grand Master says: "Brothers:—Once more we are permitted to meet together to witness the passing of another year in the onward march of time of Odd Fellowship in this State. I have labored hard for the advancement of Odd Fellowship in our Jurisdiction since becoming your Grand Master, and I am gratified with the increase in membership for 1913. They tell us that 13 is an unlucky number, but for 1913, I feel that we should congratulate ourselves over the gain in membership, although we did not reach the 20,000 mark. We went up and not down; our gain for 1912 was 530; I am proud to report to you that for 1913 our gain is 651; I want to congratulate Odd Fellows for their noble work, and predict we will have a large gain in membership for 1914. My knowledge is gained from visitations, reports from D. G. M. Galloway, Grand Warden Hall, and Lodge Officers. The Lodges in Oregon are generally speaking in prosperous condition, both financially and numerically. The membership on December 31, 1913, was 19,691, a mighty army for the uplift of humanity, the purpose for which Odd Fellowship exists."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 19,691; gain, 651. Assets, $1,812,965.23. Rebekah Lodge membership, 10,903; gain, 793. Assets, $42,755.77.

Pennsylvania.

The ninety-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Harrisburg, May 19-21, 1914. Grand Master says: "A careful survey and study of present conditions in our Jurisdiction leads to the conclusion that our Lodges are in a prosperous condition and doing excellent work. While it is true that in some instances our membership appears indifferent and apparently fails to fully appreciate the true intent and purposes of Odd Fellowship—what it should mean to them and what its opportunities through them might mean to others—still we confidently assert that never before in the history of Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship has our membership, as a whole, been more earnest, more active or more determined to perform its full duty to themselves, their Lodges and to the community in which they live, than at present. This spirit is not confined alone to efforts to secure new members, but it is apparent in a deeper, keener appreciation of responsibility on the part of the individual member and an earnest endeavor to live and act in accordance with the teachings of our beloved Order. I am fully convinced that our membership is manifesting more and more in their intercourse with their fellow-man, the true fraternal spirit permeating the lessons taught in our Ritual, thus placing Odd Fellowship among the leaders in the movement for the betterment of the conditions of mankind now sweeping over the length and breadth of our land and born of the spirit of mutual help and kindly consideration for 'the other fellow.'"

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 157,751; gain, 5,168. Assets, $6,426,234.72.

Rhode Island.

The seventy-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Providence, May 5, 1914. Grand Master says: "It is gratifying to report a gain in membership, and the activity manifested among several of the Lodges last year has continued, and there is every reason to believe that it will continue and increase so that the present year will show a still greater gain in membership.

"Peace, harmony and good fellowship have prevailed among us, and on every hand we have been greeted with enthusiasm. We have tried to impress upon members of the Lodges the value of retaining the members they already have, and endeavoring to add from time to time those who will ultimately reflect honor on our beloved Order."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 6,430; gain, 61. Assets, $391,096.81. Rebekah Lodge membership, 3,615; gain, 86. Assets, $9,353.91.

Saskatchewan.

The seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Regina, June 3-4, 1914. Grand Master says: "From information obtained from visits, and reports received from other sources, the Lodges are in a fairly good condition. Some of them are somewhat inactive, due to various causes, yet continue to make their reports to the Grand Secretary, with some degree of tardiness, it is true, but all have reached his office with the exception of one, for the term ending December 31, 1913."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 6,815; gain, 955. Assets, $234,875.51. Rebekah Lodge membership, 3,108; gain, 683. Assets, $5,123.54.

South Dakota.

The thirty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Watertown, May 20-22, 1914. Grand Master says: "The Order throughout the Jurisdiction is in a healthy condition and has enjoyed a reasonably fair growth during the year. Not as great as we had hoped for, but considering the drouth conditions that have prevailed over a large portion of the State and the somewhat unsettled financial situation, we have no reason to complain and many reasons to congratulate the membership for the advancement made. We believe no similar society in the State has done better, if as well, during the year. No Subordinate and but one Rebekah charter has been surrendered and there have been six Subordinate Lodges and one Rebekah Lodge instituted."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 12,658; gain, 370. Assets, $375,557.04. Rebekah Lodge membership, 8,554; gain, 285. Assets, $612.42.

Tennessee.

The seventy-fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Nashville, October 21-22, 1914. Grand Master says: "On assuming the duties of the office of Grand Master at our last session I was not unmindful of the fact that the falling off of membership for the previous year had been very large indeed. I fully realized the large decrease (dropped for non-payment of dues) had made wonderful speed downhill and that extraordinary efforts must be put forward to check it. The following table will show the conditions for the past six years:

Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dropped.	Reinstated.	Membership.
1908	....	286	3,789	613	35,290
1909	....	789	4,087	576	34,507
1910	 410	....	3,486	919	34,948

1911	833	3,490	886	34,115
1912	164	3,260	683	34,001
1913	2,407	3,643	656	31,544
1914	561	2,922	682	30,983

"All the Grand Jurisdictions under the Sovereign Grand Lodge have made a gain in membership this last year, except eleven, of which Tennessee is one. I am very anxious indeed, since we have almost stopped this falling off, to start the procession up the hill to a grand success which I am sure will be realized if we but work.

"Even now I must say we have a mighty army bent on the uplift of humanity and justifying our faith in the ultimate accomplishment of a universal fraternity in the family of man. Harmony prevails to a most gratifying degree. The degree work is being done in splendid form. Our principles are becoming more widely known and glorious achievements are crowning our efforts."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 30,983; loss, 561.

Vermont.

The sixty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Montpelier, May 21, 1914. Grand Master says: "The March of Time finds us advanced another year upon our Mission of Humanity. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows looks back over nearly a century of splendid achievement. The record has been remarkable in every feature. During the past twelve months in our own Jurisdiction, we note with satisfaction that our numbers have increased, our finances have been strengthened, our benefactions extended, and the ideal spirit of Brotherhood more nearly realized than ever before. However in a few Lodges, where certain members are not yet imbued with that genuine spirit which the teachings of Odd Fellowship engenders, there is friction and discord. This has resulted usually from incompetent officers, or from neglect of constituted legal authority, or from careless and unbusinesslike methods of procedure."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,589; loss, 14. Assets, $118,690.52.

Virginia.

The seventy-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Lynchburg, May 12-13, 1914. Grand Master says: "During my administration I have constantly kept in mind two ideas which I regard as fundamentally important to the Order. The first and greatest of these is the idea that if we would make our great institution a success there must constantly be present in the minds and hearts of the individuals composing the Order an intelligent understanding and

knowledge of its fundamental principles. As a consequence of such understanding and knowledge there comes an earnest belief in the purposes of the Order, and an enthusiasm to carry out such purposes. The Order cannot fully succeed unless its members are influenced by an enthusiasm that bids them go forward at all times. There seems to be a law of life that forbids men, or institutions composed of men, to stand still; men, or institutions composed of men, must either go forward or backward—to stop is death.

"The other idea I refer to is that of losing members by the non-payment of dues and would not be worth mentioning if the general Order in the State were composed only of members who have an intelligent understanding of the principles of the Order and were imbued with an enthusiasm that presses them forward in carrying out these principles. Enthusiastic Odd Fellows do not become delinquent and lose their membership in the Order in consequence. It is the man who loses his enthusiasm and consequently his interest in the Order who loses his membership therein by reason of becoming delinquent. I do not believe there is a single instance in the history of delinquent members that is not due directly to such member losing his enthusiasm for the Order. I know it is true that there are some persons who join the Order who seem to be incapable of fully understanding and appreciating its principles and purposes. There seems to be no way to save such a member. A number of such persons got into the Order during the time that the Subordinate Lodges were permitted to use the club plan. I think a strict analysis of a vast majority of the delinquents occurring for the last few years will show that they were members who were introduced into the Order under this club plan. We may not be able to augment our numerical strength as rapidly in absence of the club plan as we did under that plan, yet I believe the members now secured will be of inestimably more value to the Order than the majority of the members secured under the club plan."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 28,804; loss, 310. Assets, $104,322.84. Rebekah Lodge membership, 2,538; loss, 241. Assets, $7,500.00.

Washington.

The thirty-sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Spokane, June 9, 1914. Grand Master says: "Because of the financial condition of the country, and because our Jurisdiction had for some time given considerable attention to the membership side of our Order, I felt, upon assuming the duties of Grand Master, that a change of policy would not be amiss. Knowing that I should pass this way but once, and having been ever an ardent believer in the efficacy of Love to build up and sustain, I followed the desire of my heart and have endeavored to make the administration one of sincere friendship, unfeigned love and simple truth—a year in which the membership

should be bound more closely by the ties of Fraternity—a year for the preaching and the practicing of 'More Brotherly Love.'

"For the adoption of the policy of the year, I assume all responsibility, and all errors of judgment must be charged to me. Possibly, some other plan of action would have been wiser, but if by the policy adopted this Jurisdiction has been strengthened in Fraternity—if the Lodges have been filled with more Brotherly Love—if the members are more fully imbued with the spirit of Odd Fellowship, or have in a greater degree grasped the true cause of our Order—if it has been a year in which Fraternity has been embodied in acts of humanity; then am I satisfied—yea, far more than had I trebled the membership of the Jurisdiction.

"The general condition of the Jurisdiction is good. Taken as a whole, the Lodges are upon a solid basis and have promptly met all claims for sick and funeral benefits. The per capita tax has been heavy for the weaker Lodges and their N. P. D. list is larger because of their inability to longer carry the delinquent brothers.

"However, from the expressions of the members of these Lodges, and from the letters of the Secretaries and D. D. G. M.'s., I am convinced that the Lodges have not been weakened, and furthermore, I am satisfied that the 'house cleaning' has been very thorough and that we may expect 1914-15 to be, under the able leadership of the next Grand Master, a year in which not only our increase in membership will be satisfactory, but one in which the candidates will be chosen with greater care and with an eye single to the glory of our beloved Order. Many of those dropped had been carried for several years and had been of little or no use either in or out of the Lodge-room. The loss of those members did not weaken the Lodge. Rather, we may conclude that the Order as a whole is benefited. It is very evident that in the selection of candidates the Lodges should seek those who will become brothers—not just members—brothers willing to sacrifice and to serve—willing to put something into Odd Fellowship."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 27,942; gain, 158. Assets, $1,870,036.29. Rebekah Lodge membership, 22,302; gain, 228. Assets, $73,985.50.

West Virginia.

The forty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Clarksburg, October 13-15, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 27,068; gain, 764. Assets, $768,850.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 6.506; gain, 514. Assets, $1,048.61.

Wisconsin.

The sixty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at La Crosse, June 2-4, 1914. Grand Master says: "Our Order at present is in a very flourishing condition, notwithstanding that we lost a great many during the year by being dropped for N. P. D. We have made a net gain for the year of a very substantial increase. And as 'Forward' is the motto of our great and glorious State, let us also make it the motto of our great and glorious Order."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 19,732; gain, 315. Assets, $963,065.24.

Wyoming.

The forty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Thermoplis, October 14-15, 1914. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 3,118. Assets, $238,984.12. Rebekah Lodge membership, 1,892. Assets, $1,448.08.

Queensland.

The sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Brisbane, April 11-13, 1914. Grand Master says: "Representatives and Brethren—In submitting my report as Grand Master of the Order for the past two years, I have to deplore the fact that no progress in the way of extension has been made during my term of office, and it is a matter of regret to me, that it has been found necessary to close two Lodges, but I may say that when we failed to pass Legislation for the appointment of an Organizer at the last Grand Lodge Session, I had not much hope of making much progress numerically during my term of office. However, it is pleasing to notice that the funds show a substantial increase, and I sincerely trust that at the present Session Legislation will be passed to enable our Order to occupy that position among Friendly Societies which it should occupy."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 1,744; loss, 46. Rebekah Lodge membership, 232; loss, 37. Assets, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, $107,069.19.

South Australia.

The thirty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Adelaide, March 17-19, 1914. Grand Master says: "While several joined during the year, a large number ceased membership through various causes, but it is gratifying to know that the energy of members is still in evidence, and those Lodges who lost members last year are recovering their loss by introducing new members. In comparing 1913 with 1912 you will find we gained 188 financial members, while in 1912 we lost 119 financial."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,931; gain, 33. Rebekah Lodge membership, 902; gain, 8. Juvenile members, 1,552; loss, 23. Assets, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, $384,229.25.

VICTORIA.

The sixtieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Melbourne, March 10-13, 1914. Grand Master says: "Subordinate Lodges have made fair progress, and, on the whole, are stronger than last year. The progress is more marked in metropolitan districts. Two country Lodges, namely, Koyuga and Federal, were closed, notwithstanding efforts to keep them open. One new Lodge was opened. Thirty-four metropolitan Lodges increased their membership, whilst eight Lodges showed a decrease. In the country districts twenty-two Lodges showed an increase, whilst twenty-nine showed a decrease, and two remained stationary."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 10,260; gain, 150. Rebekah Lodge membership, 918; loss, 61. Juvenile membership, 329; gain, 69. Assets, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, $1,004,572.12.

Fraternally submitted,

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LEONARD M. FAIRBANKS,
H. H. PRITCHARD,
Committee on Correspondence.

On motion the report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted.

Representative Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, submitted the report of the Home Corporation, and recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the records of the annual meeting of the Corporators of the I. O. O. F. Home, held in New Haven, March 17, 1915, be accepted as presented, and that the same be printed in the Journal of this session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Distribution, to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, respectfully report that they have given careful consideration to the distribution of the several subjects referred to in said reports, and recommend that said subjects be referred to committees as follows:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

So much of the Grand Master's report as is contained on page 1, beginning with the last paragraph thereon and continuing on page 2, and including the first two full paragraph on page 2; beginning with the subject, Lost Rituals, on page 3 of said report, all of that page and page 4 to the subject, Centennial Anniversary Committee; beginning with the subject, Some Illegal Practices, on page 17, the remainder of that page and all of pages 18, 19, 20 and 21, to the subject, Dispensations Granted; the subject, Official Visitations, on pages 27, 28 and 29; recommendation 1 on page 47.

Of the Grand Secretary's report, the first and last paragraphs on page 51; page 52 to the subject, Finances, and on page 52 the subject, Membership, and that subject as continued on page 53; beginning on page 60 with "Our Watchword," the remainder of the Grand Secretary's report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Of the Grand Master's report, beginning rulings and decisions on page 5, all of that subject including pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; the subject, The Uses of Our Trust Funds, on pages 15 and 16 and 17 to the topic, Some Illegal Practices; the subject, Dispensations Granted, on pages 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and the subject, Dispensations Refused, on page 27; the subject, Official Proclamation and Circular Letters on pages 29 to 47, inclusive, recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, pages 47 to 49.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

The Grand Master's fine reference to Past Grand Master deLeeuw on pages 2 and 3.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Paragraph 3, on page 2, being the Grand Master's reference to appeals.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Of the Grand Secretary's report: So much of page 51 and of page 52 as relates to finances; beginning with the subject, Receipts of the Grand Lodge, on page 53, the remainder of that page, with pages 54 to 59, inclusive, and the top paragraph on page 60; so much of the Grand Representative's report as is contained in the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 82 and concluding at the top of page 83.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES (TO BE RAISED).

Paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 1 of the Grand Master's report.

Your committee further recommends that the report of the Grand

Representatives as submitted through the Grand Master, with the exception of the single reference hereinbefore made, be accepted, and that the report of the Committee on Correspondence be accepted as printed, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge to that committee.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
BENJAMIN B. McFARLAND,
CHARLES D. PULVER,
Committee on Distribution.

On motion the report was accepted and subjects referred as recommended.

The Grand Master called on the Hon. E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, of Connecticut, to address the Representatives, and our Senior Grand Master gave, as always, a very interesting and instructive talk.

On motion of Representative Kierstead, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of officers.

On motion of Representative Kierstead it was voted: That the order of the day be the election of officers at 2:30 P. M.

On motion of Representative Reynolds it was voted: That a recess be taken from 1 to 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge opened under nominations, and the following nominations were made:

For Grand Master, Robert T. W. Adams, of No. 100.
For Deputy Grand Master, F. Henry Monroe, of No. 86.
For Grand Warden, George M. Chapman, of No. 89.
For Grand Secretary, William S. Hutchison, of No. 31.
For Grand Treasurer, Sidney W. Challenger, of No. 99.
For Junior Grand Representative for 1 year, Henry C. Stevenson, of No. 4.
For Senior Grand Representative for two years, Philip Pond, of No. 5; Henry C. Stevenson, of No. 4.

Representative Hathaway raised the point of order, that according to a ruling of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a brother could not accept the nomination for the office of Junior Grand Representative and Senior Grand Representative.

Grand Master Stevenson, not caring to rule on the point

of order taken by Representative Hathaway, requested Deputy Grand Master Adams to make a ruling.

Deputy Grand Master Adams requested the privilege of deferring a decision until after the recess, as he wanted to look into the matter.

Representative Upson, from the Good Samaritan Committee, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

BROTHERS:—Pursuant to the resolution found on page 328 of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body of 1914, and by the appointment of the Grand Master, your Good Samaritan Committee proceeded to follow instructions.

Early in July last the State was divided into three sections, and each member of this committee supervised a section.

The Noble Grand of each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge was asked to appoint, according to the size of the Lodge, from two to five members to act as aides to this committee. Upon receiving the names of this appointment a personal letter with proper blanks was mailed to each aide, asking them to make a personal canvass of that part of the town or city in which they lived, and report directly to this committee. Nearly 1,200 letters were used in prosecuting this canvass, trying if possible to find the actual condition of this State, and in a certain measure we have been successful.

Ninety-one Lodges reported no actual distress or destitution only which they were abundantly able to care for.

Twenty-one Lodges reported members in want, and where some small amount of assistance would be greatly appreciated this was taken care of by the Lodges, but would never have been known but for this canvass.

In one city the canvass revealed a widow of a deceased Odd Fellow, living in two small rooms in a basement, for which she paid $5 per month. Her aged mother lived with her. This widow was earning $4.58 per week at some light work outside her home. Can you imagine this struggle for existence? And yet pride had kept her from asking for assistance so long as she could work. Assistance was given her by the Lodge.

In another Lodge a brother was found to be in a serious condition, and it became necessary for him to go to the hospital for treatment and operation. He was poor and without financial assistance. This case became a serious burden to the Lodge, and your committee was appealed to for assistance.

In several other cases your committee have been asked for assistance, but we have not found this year, except as above reported, those special isolated cases where sickness prevailed, when no special relatives were found that would aid and comfort, that have cropped out in the years gone by, and which are liable to present themselves at almost any moment.

It is these special cases that usually come suddenly upon us, and when they do appear in some of the smaller Lodges the burden is a heavy one, and in some cases too severe for the Lodge to successfully cope with. They have come in the past and they are pretty sure to appear again in the future.

Your committee are of the opinion that some provision should be made so that in these special cases immediate assistance can be rendered at the proper time.

It is one of the great mandates of our Order, "To relieve the distressed," and in this the Odd Fellows of Connecticut never should be found wanting. Let us profit by the experiences of the past, and be ready for these emergency cases when they present themselves, and not wait until the next session of the Grand Lodge to be told about them.

Your committee are unanimous in offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That in cases of severe distress and affliction of worthy persons of past or present affiliations of this Order, and upon due and proper investigation, and with the knowledge and advice of the Executive Council, the Grand Master may relieve want, distress and suffering to the extent of $———

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
CHARLES B. WARE,
F. C. BURROWS,
Good Samaritan Committee.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, a recess was declared until 2 P. M.

2:20 P. M.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order. The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor examined the Representatives, and reported all present entitled to sit with us.

The Grand Master declared the session opened for business.

The following cablegram from Brother Marshall I. Smith was read:

GLASGOW, May 19, 1915.

Henry Stevenson, Grand Master,
Bridgeport, Conn.:

Greetings to all.

SMITH.

On motion of Representative Reynolds, the cablegram was ordered spread on the records, and the Grand Secretary requested to forward a reply to Brother Smith.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from Brother

William Brooks, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ontario:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF ONTARIO.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

TORONTO, May 17, 1915.

Mr. W. S. Hutchison,
Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

DEAR BROTHER HUTCHISON:—I cannot tell you how greatly disappointed I feel in the fact that I have been unable to arrange for representatives to your session. As explained, our Grand Master could not possibly make the trip. We expected Brother Parks (Grand Warden) and Brother Clapp (Grand Representative) to make the trip, but developments have made it impossible for either of them to go.

Brother Oliver is still in bed, Brother Powley is out of the city, Brother Donogh has special appointments, and my efforts to get any of the others have not been successful. If we had not depended on Brother Parks and Brother Clapp, I would have had some chance to get others, but on the short notice no one is available.

I think we can promise better results another time, but I am obliged, under the circumstances, to ask you to accept our sincere regrets for non-attendance, together with our best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable session.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
WILLIAM BROOKS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion the letter was accepted and ordered spread on the records.

The Grand Master called the Deputy Grand Master to the chair, and Deputy Grand Master Adams made the following ruling on the point of order raised by Representative Hathaway, of No. 31:

On page 506, Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal 1912, a decision of Grand Sire John B. Cockrum (Decision No. 6, Question 2), approved by the Committee on Judiciary, page 735, and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, page 757, sustained the point of order raised by Representative Hathaway. He would therefore rule that the nomination of Representative Stevenson for Senior Grand Representative for two years was not in order.

There being no appeal from the decision of Deputy Grand Master Adams, the hour of 2:30 having arrived, the order of the day, the election of officers, was taken up.

The Grand Master appointed Representative M. L. Reynolds, P.G.P., of No. 4, as Teller.

On motion it was voted, that as there was but one nomination for each office that Representative E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for each officer.

Representative E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for the following:

For Grand Master, Robert T. W. Adams, of No. 100.
For Deputy Grand Master, F. Henry Monroe, of No. 86.
For Grand Warden, George M. Chapman, of No. 89.
For Grand Secretary, William S. Hutchison, of No. 31.
For Grand Treasurer, Sidney W. Challenger, of No. 99.
For Junior Grand Representative for one year, Henry C. Stevenson, of No. 4.
For Senior Grand Representative for two years, Philip Pond, of No. 5.

The Grand Master asked the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Senior Grand Representative-elect if they would accept the elections, and all replied in the affirmative.

Robert T. W. Adams, Deputy Grand Master, asked the Junior Grand Representative-elect, if he would accept the office, and the Junior Grand Representative-elect replied in the affirmative.

The Teller, Representative Reynolds, and E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, were discharged with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master submitted the following:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND MASTER.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

BROTHERS:—Supplementary to my annual report as Grand Master, I herewith submit statement, question and answer No. 80, which decision and ruling were made by me this week, too late to be included in my printed annual report made to this body to-day. This decision No. 80 I ask be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation along with my other seventy-nine decisions which have already been so referred:

Statement.—A charter member of a Rebekah Lodge, which has been in existence twenty-four years, who is over sixty years of age, is granted a Withdrawal Card. At next meeting the Lodge votes to annul the card and pay from special contingent fund one year's dues for her in advance to round out her twenty-five years' membership so that she may then go on the non-contributing membership roll.

Question.—Is she now a member of the Lodge or does she have to appear and be reinstated according to the form for receiving members on Withdrawal Cards?

Answer.—The Lodge had the right to annul a live Withdrawal Card within one year after its issue, which action of itself reinstates her to membership, and she does not have to appear or do anything further to revest herself of all her rights as a full-fledged member. Of course she cannot go on the non-contributing membership list until she has been a member continuously for twenty-five years. The interim of time while the card was in force did not, however, make any break in the continuance of her membership in the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

On motion the same was accepted and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Representative Hathaway, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the record of dispensations granted and refused by the Grand Master, reports that it has examined the same and that the acts of the Grand Master therein set forth are in accord with the laws of the Order, and recommends that they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Hathaway, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Grand Master's rulings and decisions, Nos. 1 to 71, inclusive,

and Nos. 73 to 79, inclusive, respectfully reports that it has given due consideration to the same and finds that they correctly state the laws of the Order and therefore recommends that said decisions be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Hathaway, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Master's Report, would respectfully report that it has given the suggestions of the Grand Master careful consideration and would advise that a committee of three be raised to make a thorough revision of the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges in this State with especial reference to the suggestion of the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Hathaway, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred recommendation No. 3 made by the Grand Master, reports that it has given the same careful consideration and recommends its adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Marigold, from the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Necrology respectfully submits the following:

IN MEMORIAM.

Brother Past Grand Master Leopold deLeeuw is dead. The announcement brought a sigh of regret from everyone who knew him, for Brother deLeeuw was one of those kindly, gentle natures that win their way to the hearts of all who meet them. The Order has lost one of its most valued members and every brother a faithful, generous friend. Upright and honorable, a man of the strictest integrity, faithful to every trust, prompt and efficient in all things, he occupied a place in our Jurisdiction which it will be difficult to fill.

Brother deLeeuw was born in Hartford, Conn., August 30, 1860, and was therefore nearly fifty-four years of age at the time of his death. He joined the Order November 1, 1881, or almost as soon as the age limit would permit, and his fervid interest in Odd Fellowship and love for the Order never waned. He was one of those men who express their devotion to a cause by earnest work, giving freely of his personal effort, voice and purse to the end. So strong was his love and interest that he was a charter member, or very close to it, of every auxiliary society of the Order and in all had held the post of honor. He was elected Grand Master May 16, 1894, and Grand Representative for two years May 19, 1895. During all the years from his first term as an Odd Fellow he had held some important office or been a member of one or more important committees. He was a Past Chief Patriarch of Midian Encampment and a charter member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge of Hartford.

Brother deLeeuw's activities were confined not alone to fraternal work, for he had served the city of Hartford as Councilman three terms, and also on the Boards of Charities and Fire Commissioners three years each.

Poor "Polly"? Nay! Not "poor Polly." Rather, happy "Polly." Now entered into the reward of a life given entirely to a successful effort to make sunshine for others and the world a brighter, better, sweeter place wherein to dwell.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. MARIGOLD,
EGBERT N. FULLER,
WALLACE R. JOHNSON,
Committee on Necrology.

On motion the resolution was adopted by rising vote, the Representatives standing with bowed heads until the sound of the gavel.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from Himan deLeeuw:

HARTFORD, CONN., July 24, 1914.

Mr. William S. Hutchison,
Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly express the thanks of the family of the late Leopold deLeeuw to the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, for their exceedingly kind expression of sympathy, their marked attention, and beautiful floral tribute to the memory of their late brother.

Very truly yours,

HIMAN DELEEUW.

On motion the letter was ordered spread on the records.

Representative Kierstead, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's report relating to the peaceful condition of our Order, desires to congratulate this Grand Lodge and the Order throughout the State on the peace and harmony which prevail.

For two years past no disputes have been referred to this committee—a happy condition which reflects the friendship and love prevailing among our members and the wisdom and tact possessed by our Grand Masters.

Fraternally submitted,

GRANT U. KIERSTEAD,
For the *Committee on Appeals.*

On motion the report was adopted.

The Grand Master called on James Bennett, Grand Master, of Massachusetts, to address the Grand Lodge. His address was very interesting and received the hearty applause of the Representatives.

Representative Kierstead, from the Committee on the Centennial of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Centennial of Order, specially appointed by the Grand Master to consider place and form of celebration, would beg leave to make a preliminary report

The committee has received from the united Lodges of Hartford a request that the Grand Lodge designate Hartford as the place of celebration and the time April 26, 1919. This offer is accompanied by a promise to raise the sum of $12,000 for the purpose of celebration.

Your committee has carefully considered this notably generous offer, so significant of the strength and enterprise of the members of our Order in that city, and are of the opinion that it ought to be accepted, subject to the control and regulation of this Grand Body. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, hereby accept the offer of the Odd Fellows of Hartford and do hereby designate that city as the place of celebration of the centennial of the Order on April 26, 1919, subject to the control of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON,
S. W. CHALLENGER,
FRANK E. ROYS,
G. U. KIERSTEAD,
SELAH G. BLAKEMAN,
Committee on Centennial of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Roys, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred recommendation No. 4 made by the Grand Master, respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the same and recommends that said recommendation No. 4 be adopted.

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Roys, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred recommendations Nos. 5 to 11, inclusive, of the Grand Master, respectfully report that it has given due consideration to the same and recommend that they be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Larsen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that we have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Larsen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance recommend that a semi-annual tax, of ten cents, be laid upon the contributing members, payable July 1, 1915, and January 1, 1916, the tax payable July 1, 1915, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge December

31, 1914, and the tax payable January 1, 1916, on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge June 30, 1915.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Roys, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation directs attention to the Grand Master's work relative to the correspondence of the office as set forth on page 29 of his report, and recommends that this Grand Lodge suggests the propriety upon the part of our membership of lightening the detail work of that office.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Howell, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of Wallace A. Smith and Florence V. Williams and six brothers and six sisters for a charter to institute a new Rebekah Lodge at Willimantic, to be known as Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, have given due consideration to the petition and respectfully recommend that the petition be accepted and a charter granted.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. A. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
R. C. HENZE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Grand Master's decision No. 72, respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the same and reports that your Committee understands the decision to be, that it is permissible for a Lodge to do its work in a Lodge room on the ground floor, but that such practice is not to be encouraged and is to be permitted only under special circumstances and conditions justifying the same. With this interpretation your Committee recommends that the decision be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the subject of the official proclamations and circular letters of the Grand Master, reports that it has examined the same and is of the opinion that the same are correct in all respects and recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Body extends its congratulations and its thanks to the Grand Master for the excellence of his official papers and for the sound advice and instruction to the Order contained therein.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to "The Uses of Our Trust Funds," respectfully reports that it has given most careful consideration to the same and most heartily approves the things so well said upon this subject by the Grand Master and recommends that this Grand Lodge earnestly commend to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction the language of the Grand Master upon this subject.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Pond, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred decision No. 80 made by the Grand Master, respectfully reports that it has given due consideration to the same and recommends that the decision be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
FRANK E. ROYS,
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance would respectfully recommend that the unexpended balance of $9.35 from the relief fund of flood sufferers in Indiana of 1913, and also $94.40 from the flood

sufferers of Ohio having been returned to us, be turned over to the Grand Lodge Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIVER W. LEWIS,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
DAVID R. ALLING,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Good Samaritan Committee, respectfully recommend that it be referred to the Executive Council for investigation and report back next year.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIVER W. LEWIS,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
DAVID R. ALLING,
Committee on Finance.

After considerable discussion, on motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., President of the Odd Fellows Home, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Resolved, That a semi-annual tax of fifteen cents per capita be and the same is hereby levied on the contributing members of the Order in this State, payable July 1, 1915, and January 1, 1916, the same to be used for the current expenses of the Odd Fellows Home, the tax payable July 1, 1915, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge December 31, 1914; the tax payable January 1, 1916, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge June 30, 1915.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Representative Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the sum of five dollars ($5.00), payable to Frank W. Whiton, Grand Herald.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the sum of five dollars ($5.00), payable to the janitor for services rendered during the session.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer, stated that the Executive Council assumed the responsibility of purchasing a Past Grand Master's Jewel. He then in his usual happy vein, presented to our beloved brother, the Hon. E. J. Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, the Jewel in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Senior Past Grand Master Hill accepted the Jewel, stating that it was a complete surprise, and replying very feelingly to the remarks of our Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Representative Kierstead, the action of the

Executive Council, in purchasing a Jewel for our Senior Past Grand Master, was approved.

Representative Henze, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the Grand Master's report, subject matter, "Some Illegal Practices," report that we have had the same under due consideration, and recommend: First, that the action of the Grand Master in this case be approved; and second, that if he has not already done so, he inform his successor in office of the minutest details regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Clark, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the Grand Master's report, subject, "Lost Rituals," have had the same under due consideration, and recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

We also note that almost every year this same matter is presented to the Grand Lodge, and while the fines are imposed and collected, the Ritual is at large and perhaps in hands that will be of no credit to our Order.

Therefore we recommend that the law concerning Rituals be more rigidly and strictly enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Ware, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred portions of the Grand Secretary's report as found on pages 51, 52 and 53, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the approval as being correct.

Under the subject matter of "Conclusion," we find this paragraph, "May we all seek to improve every opportunity that may come to us, to help make our Order stronger and better." Your Committee have read this over and over several times, trying to find some way to add a little more silver to this phrase so that the ring would be heavier, so that the vibrations would be more penetrating, so that the oscillations would seem more intense, so that every Odd Fellow would realize just how great that sentence is and how much it means.

Therefore we recommend that the next time our Grand Secretary is buying printer's ink he incorporate that sentence.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Ware, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Master, beg leave to report that upon the recommendation of the then Grand Master in his annual report to this Grand Lodge, at its last annual session, which recommendation was reiterated by the present Grand Master, "that Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, now constituting alone District No. 22, be placed in District No. 8," we are of the opinion that in accepting the recommendations of the above-named Grand Masters it would extend the interest of the Lodge and the Order at large. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Grand Master in placing Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, in District No. 8 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
R. C. HENZE,
CHARLES B. WARE,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Reynolds, from the Rebekah Committee, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Rebekah Committee would recommend the following: That a per capita tax of eight (8) cents per member be laid on the membership of the Rebekah Lodges for the support and maintenance of the Rebekah Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. REYNOLDS,
WILLIAM J. BERGES,
A. H. DRESSER,
BIRT O. FOWLER,
Rebekah Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Reynolds, from the Rebekah Committee, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Rebekah Committee would recommend the following: The resolution of the Rebekah State Assembly taking from the Grand Master the power of appointing the Deputies of the Rebekah Lodges be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. REYNOLDS,
A. H. DRESSER,
BIRT O. FOWLER,
WILLIAM J. BERGES,
Rebekah Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred portions of the Grand Master's report, report as follows:

On pages 1 and 2—We most heartily congratulate the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge for the excellent condition in which he is leaving this Order for his successor in office.

On page 3—Subject, District Deputy Grand Masters' meetings, and the consolidation of Lodge No. 79 and Lodge No. 11.

On pages 20 and 21—Releases, and Releases received.

On pages 27, 28 and 29—Official Visitations.

Your Committee note with pride, and feel highly complimented at the royal entertainment extended to our representative both inside and outside this Jurisdiction, and it's often that the royal festivities make the hair kink and curl; but in this particular case this year circumstances at home were such as to eliminate the kink but retained the curl—it was not a girl.

Therefore we recommend the approval of all the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
CHARLES B. WARE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on Courtesies, submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Courtesies beg leave to report that the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction duly recognizes the earnest efforts of our Grand Master, Henry C. Stevenson, to increase the membership in this State, which we believe have resulted in a permanent growth of membership, and will redound to the credit of the entire Order. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in further recognition of his services, that a Past Grand Master's Jewel be procured, suitably inscribed, and presented to the retiring Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD,
WILLIAM E. THOMS,
Committee on Courtesies.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

On motion, Representative Upson, from the Committee on Courtesies, was permitted to prepare and insert in the Journal the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 19, 1915.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Courtesies submits the following report:

"Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer wait
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer
To those around whose lives may be so dear,
They may not need you in the coming year.
Now is the time!"

We would be remiss, and very negligent, if we did not reiterate this beautiful sentiment, for surely "Now is the time!"

We shall always remember the 1915 session of the Grand Lodge, and Bridgeport, for memory has photographed this event, and time only can efface it; but it will long—yes, very long—remain with us a pleasing thought.

To dwell for a time in the house of friends is pleasure: to get one's fill of hospitality, and sit under a brother's vine and fig tree satisfies a brotherly longing, but when you have the ripe and luscious fruit picked especially for you, and you are bountifully supplied by the personal exertion of the brother, then this truly is hospitality, and for this bounteousness from our Bridgeport brothers we feel more than grateful.

How we enjoyed that magnificent, delightful music and entertainment at the Casino; how those sweet refrains still echo for our refreshment, and we were more than pleased, as well as delighted, at the acknowledged response. With what eagerness we drank in the pleasing flow of eloquence of the Grand Sire, and our wish is that he may be spared for many repetitions of the same.

Then, oh! then, with what prominence appeared the diligent hand of the Rebekahs, how solicitous they were, as they always are, for our many wants, and how ardent were their attentions. Yes, it was a royal dinner. But we specially noticed the attention paid our Grand Secretary by the President of the Rebekah Assembly as she fantastically and with fairylike sweetness flitted him to his place of honor at the table. Will he ever forget it?

So once more we say, "Now is the time!"

To the Grand Master, to the entire Committee on Arrangements, to the Mayor of Bridgeport, to the faithful Rebekahs and the brother

Odd Fellows of this magnificent city, to the Trustees of the Hall Association, one and all we extend our sincere thanks for the bountiful hospitality you have so unstintingly meted out to us, and it is our wish that the many years as they roll by shall be filled with brightness and happiness as this day has been to us.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
WILLIAM E. THOMS,
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD,
Committee on Courtesies.

On motion of Representative Ware the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers.

The Grand Master appointed Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., Grand Marshal, and William H. Marigold, P.G.M., Grand Guardian, and the following elective and appointed officers were installed in ample form by Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master.

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS, *Grand Master*.....Naugatuck
F. HENRY MONROE, *Deputy Grand Master*.....New Haven
GEORGE M. CHAPMAN, *Grand Warden*.....Waterbury
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary*.....New Haven
SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, *Grand Treasurer*.....Bridgeport
PHILIP POND, *Senior Grand Representative*.....New Haven
HENRY C. STEVENSON, *Junior Grand Representative*...Bridgeport
HARRY HIRSCH, *Grand Marshal*.....Norwich
WILLIAM T. MEYER, *Grand Conductor*.....Bridgeport
FRANK W. WHITON, *Grand Guardian*.....Hartford
REV. CHARLES H. SMITH, *Grand Chaplain*.....Barre, Mass.
HERBERT J. PHILLIPS, *Grand Herald*.....Waterbury

The Grand Master called on Representative Philip Pond, Senior Grand Representative, who in a very complimentary and interesting address, presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel to retiring Grand Master Stevenson.

Past Grand Master Stevenson was unable to reply for a short while, but later thanked the Grand Lodge for their kindness and the gift.

Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master, made a short address, thanking the members for their confidence in electing him

Grand Master, and assuring them that he would endeavor to perform the duties to the best of his ability.

The Grand Master, in accordance with the recommendation of Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master, and vote of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following Committee on Revision of Constitution of Rebekah Lodges: Henry C. Stevenson, G.Rep., No. 4; George M. Eagan, No. 21; Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., No. 4.

The Grand Master made the following appointments on Standing and Special Committees, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Instructor, and State Instructress, for the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on State of the Order.—Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., No. 75; H. C. F. Howell, No. 12; R. C. Henze, No. 91; Frederick F. Clark, No. 1; A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52.

Committee on Legislation.—Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M., No. 4; Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., No. 33; J. Clinton Roraback, No. 50.

Committee on Correspondence.—William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary; Elof Lundblad, No. 40; Clifford H. Starkweather, No. 34.

Committee on Finance.—David R. Alling, P.G.M., No. 1; Michael Larsen, No. 13; Oliver W. Lewis, No. 6.

Committee on Appeals.—Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., No. 2; Philip Pond, P.G.M., No. 5; Elmer G. Hurlbut, P.G.M., No. 52; Arthur F. Woodford, P.G.M., No. 59; Harvey S. Halligan, No. 73; Frank E. Roys, P.G.M., No. 30; Charles R. Hathaway, No. 31; Charles J. Fowler, No. 56; Ivan L. Morehouse, No. 90.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.—William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary; A. J. Willard, No. 39; Richard W. Kirk, No. 15.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Committee on Necrology.—Joseph H. Hawley, P.G.M., No. 18; William H. Marigold, P.G.M., No. 4; Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., No. 6.

Committee on Place of Meeting.—W. J. Platt, No. 41; George Lawley, No. 48; William B. Chard, No. 8.

Committee on Transportation.—George T. Smith, No. 37; Albert H. Dresser, No. 74; John B. Norton, No. 81.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Frederic C. Burrows, P.G.M., No. 85; C. H. Gear, No. 20; Frank O'Brien, No. 23.

Committee on Rebekah Degree.—M. L. Reynolds, P.G.P., No. 4; B. O. Fowler, No. 101; E. B. Worthington, No. 11; William C. Painter, No. 100.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Dist.	Name.	Lodge	Residence.	Lodges in Dist.
1	Herbert W. Hope	36	New Haven	1,5,15,36,39,77,86
2	George H. Rudolph	95	Meriden	78, 91, 95
3	Miner A. Worthington	82	East Hartford	2, 45, 82, 93
4	Dorr R. Whitney	99	Bridgeport	4, 41, 80, 99
5	Henry C. Henss	83	Bridgeport	83, 94
6	Harry H. Warner	6	Shelton	6, 63, 73
7	Charles E. Kellogg	10	Norwalk	10, 97
8	Henry H. Durgy	7	Danbury	7, 18, 46, 65
9	George A. Burlingham	11	Norwich	11, 16, 27, 29
10	Daniel W. Darrow	22	New London	22, 55, 85
11	A. H. Osborne	89	Waterbury	21, 42, 89, 100
12	George C. Case	30	Winsted	30, 50, 51, 64
13	Willis I. Fenn	68	Meriden	28, 68, 71, 87
14	E. M. Jones	72	New Britain	52, 72
15	John H. Deiter	59	Terryville	48, 59, 74
16	Niels Nielson	13	Hartford	13
17	Anton J. Steiner	96	New Britain	92, 96, 98
18	Charles D. Ayers	81	Deep River	3, 20, 81
19	Charles A. Beckwith	17	Lyme	17, 18
20	Harry L. Hunt	90	Stratford	14, 90
21	Josiah J. Dyer	84	Stony Creek	62, 84
23	Clifford Talmadge	75	Southington	9, 75
24	William C. Dauchy	43	Stamford	8, 24, 37, 43
25	Albert B. Shoales	19	Central Village	19, 33, 34
26	Gale T. Lloyd	35	Portland	12, 35, 54
29	Charles Gullberg	47	New Britain	44, 47, 67
30	Herbert White	101	Groton	26, 101
31	Wilford B. Carroll	25	East Hartford	25, 31, 32, 49, 53
33	Axel Lindquist	38	Bridgeport	38, 40
34	Harry H. Woodward	56	Thompsonville	23, 56

Grand Instructor, Sidney W. Challenger, P.G.M. and Grand Treasurer, Bridgeport.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, REKEBAH LODGES.

Dist.	Name.	Lodge	Residence.	Lodges in Dist.
1	Mrs. Alice L. Huntly	1	New Haven	1, 3
2	Mrs. Agnes Neumann	15	New Haven	14, 15, 19
3	Mrs. Gertrude Morris	4	Bridgeport	4, 6
4	Mrs. Dina Spoering	26	Bridgeport	13, 26
5	Mrs. Anna M. Griffith	5	Seymour	5, 9
6	Miss Lizzie Donnelly	43	New Milford	16, 30, 43, 51
7	Mrs. Lena H. Wilbur	20	New London	20, 27, 50, 56
8	Mrs. Mary A. Jackson	35	Naugatuck	8, 35

Dist.	Name.	Lodge	Residence.	Lodges in Dist.
9	Mrs. Ida Austin	25	Winsted	25, 37, 44, 49
10	Mrs. Adeline A. Grieb	7	Meriden	2, 7, 29, 48
11	Mrs. Louise W. Miller	24	Bristol	24, 41, 45
12	Mrs. Gertrude E. Wilcox	12	Middletown	11, 12, 18, 54
13	Mrs. Olive Starkey	53	Deep River	10, 53
14	Miss Lydia Caddy	46	Stony Creek	40, 46
15	Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson	17	Southington	17, 31
16	Mrs. Pearl S. Thomes	42	South Norwalk	32, 42, 52, 55
17	Mrs. Sarah A. Jeffers	28	Jewett City	21, 28, 33
18	Mrs. Ivy P. Oddy	22	Stratford	22, 23
19	Mrs. Bertha D. Bidwell	36	Glastonbury	34, 36, 38, 39, 47

State Instructress, Mrs. Katie J. Reynolds, President State Assembly, Bridgeport.

State Instructress, German Rebekah Lodges, Mrs. Hedwig Pflegher, P.N.G., Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 15, New Haven.

On motion, the appointments of the Grand Master for Standing Committees, Special Committees, District Deputy Grand Masters for Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, State Instructor, and State Instructress for English and German Rebekah Lodges, were approved.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion the Grand Lodge at 5:10 P.. M. adjourned *sine die.*

Attest:

William S. Hutchison
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE 1915.

SUBORDINATE LODGE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.

The following are the provisions of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution as they now stand as amended at the Connecticut Grand Lodge Session of 1915, as contained in the recommendations of the Grand Master's report:

Add to Article I a new heading and section:

Sessions.

Section 7. This Lodge shall hold regular weekly sessions (or semi-monthly if the Grand Lodge has so specially authorized) on such evenings, and at such hours, as may be specified in the By-Laws.

Special sessions may be called by the Noble Grand at option, and such sessions shall be called on the written request of five or more members, at which special sessions no business shall be transacted except that specified in the notice, and every member must be notified, either by written or printed circulars, by mail, or personally; *providing,* that if such Lodge is situated in a town in which a daily newspaper is published, a notice of said special meeting inserted at least twenty-four hours previous to the time of meeting shall be deemed a sufficient notice thereof.

At special meetings no applications for membership shall be received or acted upon.

In Article II change Section 4 with heading to read:

Application.

Section 4. Every person wishing to become a member of this Lodge must himself sign an application therefor in the form of application following, and be recommended by a member of this Lodge, who shall sign his name to the application as recommender:

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge, No....., working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Connecticut:

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge and those of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event or for any purpose to the civil courts, until I have exhausted all remedies provided in or by the Order first.

I was born at....., on....., 18.....

My age is.....years; my occupation is.....; my residence is.....; my health is good.

Dated.....

Witness..... Signed.....

ARTICLE IV.

Of Dues and Benefits.

DUES AND ARREARS.

Section 1. The regular contributions of each member of the Lodge for dues, as well as the amounts for widow and orphan fund, education fund, watching assessments, and funeral tax, shall be determined by the By-Laws, and the dues shall not be less than six dollars a year, and whenever any member fails to discharge his indebtedness to the Lodge within the time prescribed by said By-Laws, which in no case shall be more than thirteen weeks, he is in arrears and not entitled to benefits; nor would a funeral expense or benefit be due should he die while non-beneficial; and the Lodge shall suspend all members who for twelve months neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined; and any member so suspended shall, upon reinstatement withone one year from the time of his suspension, before he can again be admitted, be required to pay into the Lodge the amount of one year's dues; but after one year he shall pay for reinstatement the same fee as that charged for an initiate of the same age.

SICK BENEFITS.

Sec. 2. Every member qualified as herein and as required by the By-Laws shall in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily injury from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, provided such disability be not the result of his own vice or immorality, be entitled to and receive a weekly benefit of not less than two dollars during the continuance of the disability, except that no benefit need be paid for the first week of sickness; *provided,* however, that when a member shall have received one full year's benefit, the benefit thereafter to such member may be fixed at not less than one dollar per week. A member of the Order becoming infirm from old age, and thereby being rendered incapable from following his usual occupation, is not entitled to weekly payments merely on account of infirmity.

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Sec. 3. This Lodge shall provide in its By-Laws, that upon the death of a member in beneficial standing at time of death and qualified as provided in the By-Laws, a sum not less than thirty dollars (or such part thereof as may be necessary) shall be appropriated and used to defray the funeral *expenses* incurred, and for no other purpose; *provided,* if said expenses shall have been paid by a relative or friend of the deceased, then the amount so expended, in no case to exceed the amount appropriated, shall be paid to such relative or friend. In the absence of competent relations, the Noble Grand shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

Sec. 4. This Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for the appropriation of a sum, which in case of the death of a member in beneficial standing at the time of death and qualified as provided in the By-Laws, shall be paid as funeral *benefit,* to the widow, orphans under the age of twenty-one years, or dependent relatives, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death; but such benefit shall not be paid to any other person or organization.

BENEFITS TO BE VOTED.

SEC. 5. The funeral and sick benefits except as to arrearages and non-beneficial standing as set forth in this Constitution shall be regulated by the By-Laws of the Lodge; and all orders drawn for them shall be by vote of the Lodge.

BENEFICIAL OR NON-BENEFICIAL WHEN SICK.

SEC. 6. A member in arrears (and not entitled to benefits) at the commencement of a sickness cannot become beneficial during that sickness, so as to draw benefits for the period of said sickness, or any part thereof, nor would a funeral benefit or expense be due in case of his death while in non-beneficial standing.

A member beneficial at the commencement of a sickness cannot be deprived of benefits during that sickness. It shall be the duty of the Lodge to deduct from benefits payable to a member whatever sums may be due to the Lodge from such member.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Name.	No. Lodge.	Date of Service.	Residence.
Frederick Croswell*	1	1840—1841	New Haven
James B. Gilman*	2	1841—1842	Hartford
Charles Wm. Bradley*	3	1842—1843	East Haddam
Robinson S. Hinman*†	1	1843	New Haven
Sheldon Bassett*	6	1844	Derby
John L. Devotion*	11	1844—1845	Norwich
Henry L. Miller*	2	1845—1846	Hartford
Prelate Demick*	1	1846—1847	New Haven
John Greenwood*	7	1847—1848	Danbury
Junius M. Wiley*	20	1848—1849	Essex
George S. Sanford*	4	1849—1850	Bridgeport
Lloyd E. Baldwin*	16	1850—1851	Willimantic
Samuel Lynes*	10	1851—1852	Norwalk
George W. Benedict*	21	1852—1853	Waterbury
Freeman M. Brown*	39	1853—1854	Windsor Locks
David B. Booth*	7	1854—1855	Danbury
Reynold Webb*	81	1855—1856	Madison
James Phelps*	20	1856—1857	Essex
Eliphalet G. Storer*	1	1857—1858	New Haven
John Wallace*‡	6	1858	Ansonia
Hiram K. Scott*	46	1858—1859	Ridgefield
Origen Utley*	12	1859—1860	Middletown
Samuel Tolles*	5	1860—1861	New Haven
David E. Burwell*	1	1861—1862	New Haven
Edward S. Clark*†	21	1862	Waterbury
James E. Bidwell*	12	1862—1863	Middletown
Philip Pond*	5	1863—1864	New Haven
Samuel C. Waterbury*	24	1864—1865	Stamford
George L. Townsend*	21	1865—1866	Waterbury
Julius Attwood*	3	1866—1867	East Haddam
Frederick Botsford*	36	1867—1868	New Haven
Charles C. Jackson*	63	1868—1869	Ansonia
Peter L. Cunningham*	10	1869—1870	Norwalk
John W. Smith*	21	1870—1871	Waterbury
Alfred W. Phelps*	5	1871—1872	New Haven
Stephen Terry*	2	May,'72-May,'74	Hartford
Louis Feldman*	78	1874—1875	New Haven
John F. Comstock*†	86	1875—1876	New Haven
Theodore I. Driggs*	21	1876—1877	Waterbury
William Wallace Lee*	87	1877—1878	Meriden
Thomas Stirling*	41	1878—1879	Bridgeport
George N. Moses*	5	1879—1880	New Haven
E. J. Hill	10	1880—1881	Norwalk
Jonathan W. Pond*	5	1881—1882	New Haven
Luzerne I. Munson*	21	1882—1883	Waterbury
Lucius P. Deming	86	1883—1884	New Haven
William H. Stevenson*	41	1884—1885	Bridgeport
Loren H. Stannard*	1	1885—1886	New Haven
William H. Comley	4	1886—1887	Bridgeport
Bradley S. Keith*	10	1887—1888	Norwalk
Ralph Burnham*	93	1888—1889	Hartford
James Bishop*	1	1889—1890	New Haven
Frederick S. Hunt*	41	1890—1891	Bridgeport
George H. Cowell*	21	1891—1892	Waterbury
Charles B. Ware	55	1892—1893	Hartford

*Deceased. † Died in office. ‡ Lived only one month after his election.

Name.	No. Lodge	Date of Service.	Residence.
William H. Marigold	4	1893—1894	Bridgeport
Leopold deLeeuw*	82	1894—1895	Hartford
David R. Alling	1	1895—1896	New Haven
Lucius H. Fuller	33	1896—1897	Putnam
John Blair*	89	1897—1898	Waterbury
Zebulon R. Robbins	27	1898—1899	Norwich
Horace H. Jackson	4	1899—1900	Bridgeport
Selah G. Blakeman	6	1900—1901	Shelton
William S. Hutchison	31	1901—1902	New Haven
James A. Carpenter	51	1902—1903	Torrington
Frank R. Upson	75	1903—1904	Southington
Calvin S. Davis*	17	1904—1905	Niantic
Sidney W. Challenger	99	1905—1906	Bridgeport
Philip Pond	5	1906—1907	New Haven
Elmer G. Hurlbut	52	1907—1908	New Britain
Grant U. Kierstead	2	1908—1909	Hartford
William E. Thoms	21	1909—1910	Waterbury
Joseph H. Hawley	18	1910—1911	Danbury
Arthur F. Woodford	59	1911—1912	Bristol
Frederic C. Burrows	85	1912—1913	New London
Frank E. Roys	30	1913—1914	Winsted
Henry C. Stevenson	4	1914—1915	Bridgeport

* Deceased. † Died in office. ‡ Lived only one month after his election.

In Memoriam

QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

George D. Stevens, P.G., Died October 8, 1914 Age 69.
Austin L. W. Kitteredge, P.G., Died December 16, 1914, Age 54.

CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F.

Frank H. Crygier, P.G., Died October 5, 1914, Age 58.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 5, I. O. O. F.

Benjamin Jepson, P.G., Died June 7, 1914, Age 70.
Edward I. Kinney, P.G., Died June 11, 1914, Age 68.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F.

Gilbert B. Burr, P.G., Died July 5, 1914, Age 48.
Royal E. Whitcomb, P.G., Died November 12, 1914, Age 66.
Wallace A. White, P.G., Died December 16, 1914, Age 57.

OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10, I. O. O. F.

James C. Forbush, P.G., Died November 3, 1914, Age 45.

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11, I. O. O. F.

Henry E. Griswold, P.G., Died November 21, 1914, Age 79.
Edward G. Anderson, P.G., Died January 25, 1915, Age 40.

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12, I. O. O. F.

Henry D. Inglis, P.G., Died November 12, 1914, Age 63.
Charles O. Stone, P.G., Died November 25, 1914, Age 74.

TYCHO BRAHE LODGE, No. 13, I. O. O. F.

Jacob Frank, P.G., Died August 17, 1914, Age 41.
Robert Ellegaard, P.G., Died November 30, 1914, Age 48.

WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14, I. O. O. F.

Henry E. Baldwin, P.G., Died December 23, 1914, Age 68.

PROGRESSIVE LODGE, No. 18, I. O. O. F.

Charles E. Daley, P.G., Died September 2, 1914, Age 64.
Austin W. Crofut, P.G., Died January 4, 1915, Age 59.

PROTECTION LODGE, No. 19, I. O. O. F.

Charles B. Wheatley, P.G., Died July 14, 1914, Age 77.
Thomas Hurst, P.G., Died April 8, 1915, Age 63.

FENWICK LODGE, No. 20, I. O. O. F.

Herman Hefflon, P.G., Died July 15, 1914, Age 64.
Osbert S. Comstock, P.G., Died February 19, 1915, Age 58.

NOSAHOGAN LODGE, No. 21, I. O. O. F.

Albert S. Upson, P.G., Died August 16, 1914, Age 91.

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CRESCENT LODGE, No. 25, I. O. O. F.

Henry D. Noble, P.G., Died September 13, 1914, Age 44.

STONINGTON LODGE, No. 26, I. O. O. F.

Samuel J. Lanahandt, P.G., Died March 8, 1915.

KING DAVID LODGE, No. 31, I. O. O. F.

Loren Davis, P.G., Died September 1, 1914, Age 61.
James C. Bidwell, P.G., Died April 22, 1915, Age 56.

ISRAEL PUTNAM LODGE, No. 33, I. O. O. F.

William Manson, P.G., Died December 15, 1914, Age 56.

CITY LODGE, No. 36, I. O. O. F.

Evelyn Beecher, P.G., Died December 13, 1914, Age 72.
Sterne D. Fairchild, P.G., Died January 18, 1915, Age 87.

WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37, I. O. O. F.

Norbert Bossa, P.G., Died Died June 27, 1914, Age 86.
James D. Warren, P.G., Died September 19, 1914, Age 84.
Charles Schmidt, P.G., Died November 14, 1914, Age 65.
Francis E. Weed, P.G., Died January 3, 1915, Age 73.

CROSWELL LODGE, No. 39, I. O. O. F.

S. W. Murdock, P.G., Died March 3, 1915, Age 53.

ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41, I. O. O. F.

G. Albertus Close, P.G., Died January 30, 1915, Age 63.
C. C. Hoyt, P.G., Died March 5, 1915, Age 61.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 45, I. O. O. F.

C. A. Q. Norton, P.G., Died February 1, 1915, Age 70.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 52, I. O. O. F.

Charles Clements, P.G., Died August 24, 1914, Age 69.
Henry G. Parsons, P.G., Died September 17, 1914, Age 54.

ELM LODGE, No. 53, I. O. O. F.

Alfred E. Welles, P.G., Died June 8, 1914, Age 58.

MOHEGAN LODGE, No. 55, I. O. O. F.

Frederic M. Woodworth, P.G., Died April 27, 1915, Age 54.

NAUGATUCK LODGE, No. 63, I. O. O. F.

Joseph N. Booth, P.G., Died December 15, 1914, Age 81.
Harry E. Hendryx, P.G., Died January 28, 1915, Age 83.
Alfred Janes, P.G., Died January 29, 1915, Age 72.

GOOD SHEPHERD LODGE, No. 65, I. O. O. F.

Edwin L. Osborne, P.G., Died August 14, 1914, Age 59.
William E. Battam, P.G., Died March 15, 1915, Age 71.

JOHN ERICSSON LODGE, No. 67, I. O. O. F.

Aug. P. Whalquist, P.G., Died October 16, 1914, Age 43.

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MERIDEN CENTER LODGE, No. 68, I. O. O. F.

George S. Seeley, P.G., Died November 11, 1914, Age 68.
William J. Kirtland, P.G., Died February 28, 1915, Age 82.

MECHANICS LODGE, No. 73, I. O. O. F.

W. S. Cooper, P.G., Died May 1, 1914, Age 75.
F. A. Rugg, P.G., Died November 15, 1914, Age 61.
Leonard Wyant, P.G., Died January 1, 1915, Age 88.

GERMANIA LODGE, No. 78, I. O. O. F.

William Fricke, P.G., Died March 29, 1915, Age 72.

HARTFORD LODGE, No. 82, I. O. O. F.

Leopold deLeeuw, P.G.M., Died July 19, 1914, Age 54.
Herbert C. Card, P.G., Died February 11, 1915, Age 62.

STEUBEN LODGE, No. 83, I. O. O. F.

Bernhard Klein, P.G., Died May 17, 1914, Age 80.
Anton Lufer, P.G., Died May 17, 1914, Age 71.
William H. Clary, P.G., Died March 13, 1915, Age 70.
Joseph Vogt, P.G., Died April 5, 1915, Age 75.

RELIEF LODGE, No. 86, I. O. O. F.

William Davidson, P.G., Died December 20, 1914, Age 69.
John Arthur, P.G., Died April 11, 1915, Age 81.

CRYSTAL LODGE, No. 88, I. O. O. F.

John H. Smith, P.G., Died September 19, 1914, Age 53.
David G. Mather, P.G., Died September 26, 1914, Age 52.

TOWNSEND LODGE, No. 89, I. O. O. F.

Letsom D. Terrell, P.G., Died December 27, 1914, Age 62.

ORONOQUE LODGE, No. 90, I. O. O. F.

George W. Craddock, P.G., Died April 12, 1915, Age 68.

LESSING LODGE, No. 94, I. O. O. F.

Henry Senger, P.G., Died September 1, 1914, Age 63.
M. Elerhard, P.G., Died November 29, 1914, Age 82.
Charles Dormer, P.G., Died February 12, 1915, Age 62.

TEUTONIA LODGE, No. 95, I. O. O. F.

Fred Monkmeyer, P.G., Died August 21, 1914, Age 71.
John M. Nagel, P.G., Died February 3, 1915, Age 76.

SAMUEL H. HARRIS LODGE, No. 99, I. O. O. F.

John H. Lee, P.G., Died March 6, 1915, Age 55.
Robert G. Andrews, P.G., Died April 10, 1915, Age 70.

CENTENNIAL LODGE, No. 100, I. O. O. F.

Robert V. Parker, P.G., Died February 24, 1915, Age 64.

In Memoriam

LEOPOLD DELEEUW, *P.G.M.* and *P.G.Rep.*

Grand Master, 1894-1895

Grand Representative, 1895-1896

Died July 19, 1914, Age 54.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Name	No.	Locality	When Instituted	Nights of Meeti ng
Quinnipiac	1	New Haven	Sept 3, 1839	Monday
Charter Oak	2	Hartford	April 21, 1840 March 6, 1872*	Friday
Middlesex	3	East Haddam	April 22, 1840	Thursday
Pequonnock	4	Bridgeport	June 11, 1841 Feb. 2, 1869*	Tuesday
Harmony	5	New Haven	June 14, 1841	Tuesday
Ousatonic	6	Derby	Oct. 3, 1841	Monday
Samaritan	7	Danbury	May 5, 1842 Sept. 7, 1873*	Friday
Empire	8	Greenwich	May 8, 1887	Tuesday
L. A. Thomas	9	Cheshire	July 23, 1888	Monday
Our Brothers	10	Norwalk	Oct. 19, 1842	Monday
Uncas	11	Norwich	March 10, 1843 Feb. 17, 1864†	Monday
Central	12	Middletown	June 12, 1843	Thursday
Tycho Brahe	13	Hartford	Oct. 31, 1888	Wednesday
Wopowage	14	Milford	June 9, 1844	Wednesday
Montewese	15	New Haven	Jan. 8, 1845 April 21, 1870*	Monday
Obwebetuck	16	Willimantic	Jan. 2, 1890	Thursday
Niantic	17	Niantic	Feb. 27, 1878	Wednesday
Progressive	18	Danbury	March 26, 1891	Monday
Protection	19	Central Village	Aug. 9, 1888	1st & 3d Thurs
Fenwick	20	Essex	March 19, 1845	Thursday
Nosahogan	21	Waterbury	July 1, 1845	Tuesday
Thames	22	Montville	April 26, 1898	Tuesday
Palisado	23	Windsor	April 1, 1903	Wednesday
Rippowam	24	Stamford	Oct. 1, 1845	Monday
Crescent	25	East Hartford	May 3, 1889	Thursday
Stonington	26	Mystic	Dec. 12, 1845	Wednesday
Shetucket	27	Norwich	Dec. 14, 1880	Tuesday
Hancock	28	So. Meriden	March 4, 1846 Sept. 5, 1872*	Tuesday
Reliance	29	Jewett City	Sept. 22, 1890	Monday
Clifton	30	Winsted	Jan. 24, 1882	Tuesday
King David	31	So.Manchester	Jan. 29, 1890	Friday
Wauseon	32	Stafford Springs	March 18, 1891	Tuesday
Israel Putnam	33	Putnam	March 21, 1890	Tuesday
Quinebaug	34	Danielson	Sept. 10, 1846 Feb. 13, 1889*	Tuesday
Portland	35	Portland	Oct. 29, 1890	Friday
City	36	New Haven	Dec. 2, 1846	Wednesday
Wooster	37	New Canaan	Feb. 22, 1847	Monday
Monitor	38	Bridgeport	Oct. 11, 1899	Wednesday
Croswell	39	New Haven	May 8, 1893	Friday
Svea	40	New Haven	Dec. 12, 1899	Monday
Arcanum	41	Bridgeport	Feb. 4, 1847 March 17, 1875*	Friday
Franklin	42	Thomaston	March 1, 1847 Nov. 20, 1872*	Monday
Puritan	43	Stamford	Feb. 26, 1889	Monday
Scandia	44	Meriden	Sept. 29, 1903	Saturday
Summit	45	Hartford	March 29, 1898	Thursday
Pilgrim	46	Ridgefield	June 11, 1847	Tuesday

*Re-Instituted † Resumed work. Did not surrender its charter
Permission to resume given Feb. 17, 1864.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

Name	No.	Locality	When Instituted	Nights of Meeting
Andree	47	New Britain	June 26, 1900	Wednesday
Pequabock	48	Bristol	Aug. 3, 1847 Feb. 8, 1883*	Wednesday
Rising Star	49	Rockville	April 4, 1883	Monday
Canaan	50	Canaan	May 15, 1908	Monday
Ridgely	51	Torrington	May 11, 1883	Thursday
Phenix	52	New Britain	Feb. 15, 1848 Feb. 22, 1872*	Wednesday
Elm	53	Glastonbury	Feb. 28, 1848 Jan. 10, 1888*	Monday
Bell	54	East Hampton	May 23, 1904	Monday
Mohegan	55	New London	April 14, 1886	Wednesday
Friendship	56	Thompsonville	May 17, 1909	Monday
Stephen Terry	59	Bristol	April 15, 1892	Friday
Menuncatuck	62	Guilford	Jan. 11, 1849 Feb. 25, 1879*	Thursday
Naugatuck	63	Ansonia	Feb. 14, 1849	Wednesday
Eclectic	64	Collinsville	May 11, 1900	2d & 4th Fri.
Good Shepherd	65	New Milford	July 2, 1878	Thursday
John Ericsson	67	Hartford	April 18, 1893	Friday
Meriden Center	68	Meriden	July 11, 1849	Thursday
Accanant	71	Wallingford	Aug. 14, 1850 May 12, 1875*	Tuesday
Lexington	72	New Britain	Oct. 15, 1896	Thursday
Mechanics	73	Seymour	May 10, 1851 Nov. 6, 1864*	Tuesday
Sequassen	74	Plainville	Aug. 14, 1851 Aug. 26, 1886*	Thursday
Eureka	75	Plantsville	May 16, 1852 Jan. 1, 1878*	Tuesday
Polar Star	77	New Haven	March 14, 1853 Jan. 14, 1873*	Wednesday
Germania	78	New Haven	July 28, 1853	Thursday
Adelphian	80	Bridgeport	April 29, 1897	Wednesday
Webb	81	Deep River	Aug. 21, 1855 April 7, 1874*	Tuesday
Hartford	82	Hartford	Feb. 1, 1867	Tuesday
Steuben	83	Bridgeport	April 1, 1867	Monday
Seaside	84	Stony Creek	Aug. 3, 1892	Friday
Pequot	85	New London	June 2, 1869	Friday
Relief	86	New Haven	June 28, 1869	Monday
Pacific	87	Meriden	April 7, 1870	Wednesday
Crystal	88	Lyme	Sept. 27, 1871	Saturday
Townsend	89	Waterbury	Jan. 1, 1872	Monday
Oronoque	90	Stratford	Feb. 24, 1872	Friday
Humboldt	91	New Haven	Feb. 27, 1873	Tuesday
Schiller	92	Middletown	Feb. 11, 1874	Wednesday
Connecticut	93	Hartford	April 27, 1874	Wednesday
Lessing	94	Bridgeport	Dec. 14, 1874	Thursday
Teutonia	95	Meriden	April 21, 1875	2d & 4th Thurs
Gerstaecker	96	New Britain	June 3, 1875	Monday
Butler	97	So. Norwalk	Sept. 23, 1875	Wednesday
Beethoven	98	Hartford	April 27, 1876	2d & 4th Wed.
S. H. Harris	99	Bridgeport	Oct. 27, 1876	Monday
Centennial	100	Naugatuck	Nov. 22, 1876	Monday
Fairview	101	Groton	Nov. 20, 1893	Monday

*Re-instituted.

LIST OF REBEKAH LODGES

Name	No.	Locality.	When Instituted.	Nights of Meeting
Naomi	1	New Haven	August 20, 1869.	2d and 4th Thurs.
Rachel	2	Meriden	March 31, 1870	1st and 3d Tuesday
New Haven	3	New Haven	April 15, 1870 March 1, 1889*.	2d and 4th Wed.
Charity	4	Bridgeport	May 7, 1870	2d and 4th Thurs.
Sylvan	5	Seymour	Dec. 13, 1870 Dec. 1, 1890*	1st and 3d Monday
Fidelity	6	Bridgeport	March 28, 1898	1st and 3d Thursday
Esther	7	Meriden	April 6, 1871	2d and 4th Tuesday
Winona	8	Waterbury	June 15, 1892	2d and 4th Wed.
Ells-Woods	9	Ansonia	Dec. 29, 1891	2d and 4th Thurs.
Lady Fenwick	10	Essex	April 2, 1872 March 31, 1902*	2d and 4th Monday
Stella	11	New Britain	Sept. 5, 1873	1st and 3d Friday
Priscilla	12	Middletown	March 15, 1897	2d and 4th Tuesday
Freundschaft	13	Bridgeport	Feb. 13, 1874	2d and 4th Tuesday
Deborah	14	New Haven	March 10, 1874	1st and 3d Wed.
Columbia	15	New Haven	April 16, 1874	1st and 3d Tuesday
Myrtle	16	Danbury	July 8, 1876	1st and 3d Tuesday
Union	17	Plantsville	Sept. 30, 1878	1st and 3d Thurs.
Miriam	18	Hartford	Jan. 29, 1879	1st and 3d Sat.
Eintracht	19	Meriden	July 7, 1880	1st and 3d Thurs.
Osprey	20	New London	March 18, 1884	2d and 4th Tuesday
Hope	21	Norwich	June 11, 1894	1st and 3d Wed.
Evening Star	22	Stratford	April 29, 1885	1st and 3d Wed.
Isabelle	23	Milford	Feb. 22, 1887	1st and 3d Thurs.
Ruth	24	Bristol	May 22, 1888	1st and 3d Tuesday
Crystal	25	Winsted	April 15, 1889	1st and 3d Thursday
Harmonie	26	Bridgeport	Feb. 3, 1891	1st and 3d Tuesday
Orient	27	New London	Sept. 21, 1891	1st and 3d Thursday
Ruthie	28	Jewett City	April 8, 1908	1st and 3d Tuesday
Aquilla	29	Wallingford	May 27, 1892	2d and 4th Friday
Echo	30	Danbury	June 23, 1892	1st and 3d Thurs.
Marion	31	Cheshire	Feb. 23, 1893	2d and 4th Thurs.
Laurel	32	Stamford	March 2, 1893	1st, 3d and 5th Wed.
Mizpah	33	Putnam	March 6, 1893	2d and 4th Wed.
Myriad	34	Stafford Spgs.	April 10, 1912	1st and 3d Wed.
Columbian	35	Naugatuck	June 6, 1893	1st and 3d Wed.
Ivy	36	Glastonbury	March 6, 1894	2d and 4th Wed.
Valley	37	Torrington	April 18, 1894	2d and 4th Monday
Mayflower	38	Rockville	May 1, 1894	2d and 4th Tuesday
Sunset	39	So. Manches'r	Dec. 27, 1894	1st and 3d Monday
Maida	40	Guilford	March 25, 1895	2d and 4th Monday
Magnolia	41	Bristol	Nov. 21, 1895	2d and 4th Tuesday
Eureka	42	So. Norwalk	Dec. 9, 1895	1st, 3d and 5th Fri.
Palm	43	New Milford	April 11, 1905	1st and 3d Wed.
Faith	44	Thomaston	April 23, 1896	1st and 3d Tuesday
Martha	45	Plainville	April 29, 1896	1st and 3d Monday
Venona	46	Stony Creek	April 30, 1896	1st and 3d Tuesday
Welcome	47	East Hartford	March 21, 1899	1st, 3d and 5th Wed.
Anchor	48	So. Meriden	May 1, 1899	1st and 3d Wed.
Queen Esther	49	Canaan	May 24, 1912	2d and 4th Friday
Home	50	Groton	Nov. 26, 1904	2d and 4th Thurs.
Mary	51	Ridgefield	April 14, 1905	1st and 3d Wed.
Hazel	52	New Canaan	March 30, 1909	2d and 4th Friday
Medora	53	Deep River	June 25, 1909	1st and 3d Wed.
Unity	54	New Britain	Sept. 26, 1910	2d and 4th Monday
Our Sisters	55	Norwalk	Jan. 15, 1913	1st, 3d & 5th Wed.
Mystic	56	Mystic	May 15, 1914	1st & 3d Friday
Violet	57	Willimantic	June 8, 1915	1st & 3d Monday

* Re-instituted.

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members Dec. 31, 1913	ADD: For Previous Error	ADD: Initiated	ADD: Admitted by Card	ADD: Reinstated	Total	DEDUCT: For Previous Error	DEDUCT: Withdrawn	DEDUCT: Suspended	DEDUCT: Transferred to Non-contributing List	DEDUCT: Expelled	DEDUCT: Deceased	DEDUCT: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members June 30, 1914	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Quinnipiac	1	276		7			283						1	1	282	2	57	24
Charter Oak	2	638		36	8		682			5			1	6	676	2	54	108
Middlesex	3	63					63						1	1	62		32	
Pequonnock	4	515		13			528			3			5	8	520	7	46	39
Harmony	5	244		11			255			10			3	13	242	9	72	33
Ousatonic	6	297		9			306		1	2			4	7	299	2	58	27
Samaritan	7	330		7		1	338			8			2	10	328		47	21
Empire	8	107		8			115		1					1	114		22	21
L. A. Thomas	9	97		2	1		100			1				1	99		59	6
Our Brothers	10	394		64	1		459			3			5	8	451	1	62	190
Uncas	11	263		1	2		266		1	3			3	7	259		59	3
Central	12	363		18	1		382	1	1	2			2	6	376	2	46	65
Tycho Brahe	13	251		2			253		1	2			1	4	249		45	6
Wopowage	14	133					133			8			1	9	124	3	52	
Montewese	15	135		2		1	138			3			2	5	133	4	38	6
Obwebetuck	16	150		3	2		155		3	1				4	151		28	11
Niantic	17	153		4			157		1					1	156		50	12
Progressive	18	411		6	2		419		1	7			5	13	406		42	18
Protection	19	108		2			116		1	2		1		4	112		19	23
Fenwick	20	116		8			124								124		38	24
Nosahogan	21	885		17	1		903			9			7	16	887		57	49
Thames	22	129		6			135			1				1	134		25	18
Palisado	23	126		7			133		1	2				3	130		18	21
Rippowam	24	444		6			450		3	6			4	13	437		47	17
Crescent	25	284		30	4		318		4	4			1	9	309		36	89
Stonington	26	314		26	1	1	342		1	5			1	7	335		46	78
Shetucket	27	238		4	2		244						3	3	241	1	51	12
Hancock	28	216		1			217			1			4	5	212		42	6
Reliance	29	75					75			1				1	74		25	
Clifton	30	297		5	1		303			1			1	2	301	1	49	20
King David	31	419		7	5		431						7	7	424		42	22
Wauseon	32	63					63						1	1	62		25	
Israel Putnam	33	229		24			253		3	2				5	248		27	67
Quinebaug	34	76		22			98						1	1	97		18	60
Portland	35	96		1			97						1	1	96		26	3
City	36	420		4		2	426		3				4	7	419	4	57	14
Wooster	37	224		4			228			9			3	12	216		59	13
Monitor	38	266		15	1		282	5		3			1	9	273		25	45
Croswell	39	168		11	1	1	181		1	5				6	175		34	40
Svea	40	203		9	2		214			4			1	5	209		25	27
Arcanum	41	363		5			368			1			5	6	362		55	15
Franklin	42	161		3	1		165		1				1	2	163		55	9
Puritan	43	416		10			426		3				1	4	422		43	44
Scandia	44	109		2			111		2	2				4	107		17	6
Summit	45	526		25	3	1	555		6	7			2	15	540		36	75
Pilgrim	46	119		6			125		2					2	123		36	19
Andree	47	400		10			410		4	6			1	11	399		27	30

of Connecticut, for the term ending June 30, 1914

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members June 30, 1913	For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members June 30, 1913	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Pequabock	48	198	....	14	1	..	213	2	1	3	....	..	3	9	204	2	58	45
Rising Star	49	135	....	4	..	..	139	..	..	4	....	..	2	6	133	....	39	12
Canaan	50	76	....	3	..	..	79	..	..	2	....	..	..	2	77	....	11	9
Ridgely	51	434	....	14	1	..	449	..	..	1	....	..	1	2	447	....	60	41
Phenix	52	312	....	9	..	..	321	..	1	..	....	..	3	4	317	3	56	27
Elm	53	117	....	3	..	..	120	..	..	..	....	..	2	2	118	....	35	9
Bell	54	85	....	5	..	1	91	..	..	1	....	..	..	1	90	....	18	15
Mohegan	55	354	....	7	3	..	364	..	3	7	1	..	3	14	350	3	52	18
Friendship	56	161	....	7	..	..	168	..	1	..	....	..	1	2	166	....	11	21
Stephen Terry	59	420	....	10	1	..	431	..	1	18	....	..	2	21	410	....	42	30
Menuncatuck	62	160	....	20	..	..	180	..	..	1	....	..	..	1	179	....	43	61
Naugatuck	63	287	....	4	..	..	291	..	..	3	....	..	3	6	285	2	53	30
Eclectic	64	121	....	5	..	..	126	..	2	1	....	..	..	3	123	....	14	12
Good Shepherd	65	182	....	9	..	2	193	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	193	....	43	30
John Ericsson	67	475	....	9	3	1	488	1	2	1	....	..	1	5	483	....	35	27
Meriden Center	68	186	....	7	1	..	194	..	..	..	....	..	2	2	192	9	47	24
Accanant	71	175	....	2	..	..	177	1	1	3	2	..	..	7	170	2	55	6
Lexington	72	322	....	17	..	..	339	..	1	5	....	..	1	7	332	....	31	51
Mechanics	73	342	....	3	..	1	346	..	..	2	....	..	2	4	342	2	76	9
Sequassen	74	105	....	12	..	..	117	..	1	2	....	..	1	4	113	....	39	36
Eureka	75	210	....	8	1	1	220	1	1	1	....	..	1	4	216	....	54	26
Polar Star	77	195	....	4	..	..	199	..	6	..	....	..	3	9	190	....	53	13
Germania	78	254	....	5	..	..	259	..	..	2	....	..	6	8	251	....	50	27
Goethe	79	34	....	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	....	..	1	1	33	....	17	....
Adelphian	80	408	....	25	..	..	433	..	2	9	....	..	..	11	422	....	33	73
Webb	81	161	....	1	..	..	162	..	..	..	....	..	3	3	159	....	49	3
Hartford	82	370	....	9	1	1	381	..	2	2	....	..	3	7	374	....	52	28
Steuben	83	139	....	2	..	..	141	..	1	..	....	..	4	5	136	....	37	6
Seaside	84	58	....	2	..	1	61	..	..	..	....	..	2	2	59	....	29	6
Pequot	85	420	....	20	3	..	443	..	..	..	....	..	3	3	440	....	55	56
Relief	86	380	....	32	2	..	414	..	4	..	....	..	3	7	407	4	39	96
Pacific	87	109	....	3	..	1	113	..	..	..	....	..	2	2	111	5	28	9
Crystal	88	98	....	10	..	..	108	2	..	..	....	..	..	2	106	....	100	32
Townsend	89	780	....	22	1	1	804	..	2	17	....	..	1	20	784	....	71	66
Oronoque	90	180	....	23	2	..	205	..	..	5	....	..	1	6	199	1	45	64
Humboldt	91	287	....	9	..	..	296	7	1	..	....	..	6	14	282	....	40	24
Schiller	92	72	....	3	..	..	75	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	75	....	21	9
Connecticut	93	288	....	18	6	..	312	..	2	2	....	..	3	7	305	....	48	54
Lessing	94	155	....	4	..	..	159	..	..	4	....	..	1	5	154	....	47	12
Teutonia	95	84	....	..	..	..	84	..	..	1	....	..	2	3	81	....	22	....
Gerstaecker	96	150	....	4	..	..	154	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	154	....	51	12
Butler	97	412	....	11	3	1	427	..	..	5	....	..	7	12	415	....	51	33
Beethoven	98	98	....	9	..	..	107	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	107	....	33	33
Samuel H. Harris	99	687	....	17	..	..	704	..	..	1	....	..	3	4	700	1	58	48
Centennial	100	278	....	4	..	..	282	..	..	2	....	..	1	3	279	....	56	12
Fairview	101	311	....	7	..	..	318	..	1	..	....	..	2	3	315	....	40	30
Total	....	23575	....	885	68	18	24546	20	81	234	3	1	171	510	24036	72	3926	2711

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LODGE	No.	Receipts					Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Quinnipiac	1	$1206.50	$100.00	.....	$25.00	$1331.50	20	....	2
Charter Oak	2	2790.34	867.00	$651.20	97.75	4406.29	39	1	1
Middlesex	3	174.25	.....	.....	10.00	184.25	7	....	1
Pequonnock	4	2285.51	337.00	762.22	323.25	3707.98	48	2	5
Harmony	5	1012.95	132.00	.....	73.00	1217.95	19	....	....
Ousatonic	6	1194.75	138.00	539.54	.....	1872.29	23	1	4
Samaritan	7	1311.67	136.00	194.34	.....	1642.01	25	....	2
Empire	8	303.50	113.00	109.00	8.00	533.50	5	....	....
L. A. Thomas	9	264.50	32.00	30.00	.....	326.50	4	....	....
Our Brothers	10	1416.77	1074.00	440.32	15.75	2946.84	31	4	4
Uncas	11	976.50	23.00	69.64	.....	1069.14	21	....	2
Central	12	1548.20	315.00	238.46	7.10	2108.76	38	....	2
Tycho Brahe	13	896.85	30.00	88.26	2.75	1017.86	14	....	1
Wopowage	14	426.00	.....	88.38	.....	514.38	8	....	1
Montewese	15	425.00	30.00	82.74	.....	537.74	11	....	1
Obwebetuck	16	608.50	83.00	89.53	5.00	786.03	7	....	....
Niantic	17	450.70	52.00	114.53	.....	617.23	14	....	....
Progressive	18	1560.42	171.00	204.27	.30	1935.99	24	....	4
Protection	19	333.50	54.00	.....	.....	387.50	6	....	....
Fenwick	20	327.00	112.00	80.30	3.02	522.32	4	....	....
Nosahogan	21	4260 40	336.00	1660.79	.50	6257.69	44	....	6
Thames	22	345.50	86.00	.....	3.00	434.50	5	....	....
Palisado	23	367.50	140.00	84.61	.....	592.11	9	....	....
Rippowam	24	1695.79	104.25	313.52	123.04	2236.60	29	1	4
Crescent	25	781.50	527.30	22.96	.....	1331.76	18	....	1
Stonington	26	886.00	407.00	480.07	445.77	2218.84	22	....	1
Shetucket	27	798.00	100.00	71.90	.....	969.90	21	....	3
Hancock	28	751.00	20.00	111.82	132.98	1015.80	10	....	4
Reliance	29	278.00	.....	82.22	14.50	374.72	3	....	....
Clifton	30	1336.66	92.00	2245.75	79.22	3753.63	15	1	1
King David	31	1350.50	144.00	373.53	133.95	2001.98	21	....	5
Wauseon	32	226.50	.....	34.69	.....	261.19	5	....	....
Israel Putnam	33	943.50	469.00	298.36	.....	1710.86	11	....	....
Quinebaug	34	263.50	277.00	43.50	.....	584.00	5	....	....
Portland	35	255.50	16.00	37.50	3.07	312.07	3	....	1
City	36	1457.30	84.00	478.21	20.00	2039.51	29	....	7
Wooster	37	704.55	66.00	979.50	.....	1750.05	21	....	3
Monitor	38	776.00	241.00	169.51	.....	1185.51	8	1	1
Croswell	39	642.36	148.00	99.76	.....	890.12	6	....	....
Svea	40	578.50	113.00	78.97	.28	770.75	11	....	1
Arcanum	41	1560.03	110.00	399.19	17.09	2086.31	16	....	4
Franklin	42	602.52	39.00	40.00	.25	681.77	8	1	1
Puritan	43	1425.05	172.00	.....	17.50	1614.55	14	1	1
Scandia	44	374.84	24.00	40.24	.....	439.08	1	....	....
Summit	45	2150.21	444.00	228.61	34.50	2857.32	31	2	1
Pilgrim	46	464.40	73.00	139.34	.....	676.74	6	....	....
Andree	47	1441.30	131.00	187.39	2.25	1761.94	21	....	3

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Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief						Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
	Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F Home Tax	Total Relief			
236	$ 557.00	.....	.....	$110.00	$151.50	$ 818.50	$ 513.33	$14373.48	1
314	1256.00	$ 3.65	.....	50.00	228.60	1538.25	1446.07	27995.72	2
117	188.00	.....	.....	30.00	9.45	227.45	89.77	3740.02	3
427	1325.00	29.75	.....	520.00	333.30	2208.05	945.15	34434.77	4
278	653.00	.....	.....	.....	104.60	757.60	593.72	14355.66	5
141	376.01	44.00	.....	308.72	190.40	919.13	907.19	11272.26	6
181	534.00	.....	.....	200.00	80.62	814.62	566.71	6333.81	7
39	156.00	.....	.....	.....	15.90	171.90	417.70	3270.68	8
18	72.00	.....	.....	.....	13.95	85.95	158.30	4207.32	9
332	915.00	99.20	.....	200.00	171.70	1385.90	1352.92	32589.65	10
162	445.00	.....	.....	100.00	100.48	645.48	320.93	4424.36	11
310	707.00	.....	.....	100.00	54.45	861.45	843.46	10017.84	12
93	257.00	.....	.....	50.00	114.65	421.65	350.95	4578.18	13
70	299.00	.....	.....	50.00	19.95	368.95	135.79	5486.40	14
88	274.00	.....	.....	75.00	38.50	387.50	208.01	3972.88	15
86	216.00	.....	.....	.....	50.50	266.50	381.63	4259.05	16
147	363.50	.....	.....	.....	58.95	422.45	167.41	7505.35	17
105	355.00	.....	.....	400.00	197.65	952.65	1157.03	19724.35	18
43	109.00	.....	.....	.....	16.20	125.20	222.53	3103.95	19
30	46.00	.....	.....	.....	26.95	72.95	172.52	3054.17	20
381	1286.00	.....	.....	600.00	1194.73	3080.73	1742.13	43789.11	21
8	112.00	.....	.....	.....	24.35	136.35	192.07	4121.51	22
73	217.00	.....	.....	.....	12.60	229.60	544.49	3236.90	23
247	915.00	39.00	.....	300.00	366.65	1620.65	1022.91	16333.92	24
150	451.00	.....	.....	35.00	118.40	604.40	570.56	4720.03	25
101	253.00	.....	.....	168.00	131.10	552.10	1380.43	11486.16	26
257	695.50	.....	.....	150.00	109.25	954.75	318.09	5114.86	27
207	633.72	.....	.....	400.00	87.65	1121.37	424.16	6177.71	28
12	48.00	.....	.....	.....	11.25	59.25	460.61	1746.32	29
137	338.00	75.00	.....	150.00	105.75	668.75	3444.56	10663.09	30
108	288.00	.....	.....	250.00	147.35	685.35	1371.72	13059.86	31
35	139.00	.....	.....	.....	9.45	148.45	170.22	1845.46	32
92	284.00	.....	.....	.....	70.26	354.26	565.67	7747.49	33
141	128.00	.....	.....	46.00	125.25	299.25	313.40	1299.97	34
15	60.00	.....	.....	40.00	14.40	114.40	339.60	2036.56	35
418	929.00	.....	.....	662.80	253.35	1845.15	528.25	19236.86	36
193	461.00	.....	.....	150.00	141.60	752.60	957.47	20733.55	37
70	250.10	15.00	.....	88.28	39.90	393.28	416.78	9044.32	38
26	130.00	.....	.....	.....	25.20	155.20	426.57	4448.54	39
66	306.41	.....	.....	50.00	63.45	419.86	331.93	4896.49	40
186	526.00	.....	.....	250.00	651.17	1427.17	1152.33	26653.09	41
105	182.00	17.50	.....	100.00	48.65	348.15	286.60	2293.83	42
101	277.00	75.00	.....	75.00	81.60	508.60	1548.07	10880.69	43
4	17.50	.....	.....	.....	16.35	33.85	158.98	3416.99	44
270	894.00	69.50	.....	50.00	111.65	1125.15	665.18	12804.12	45
38	100.00	.....	.....	.....	25.35	125.35	162.20	6748.52	46
151	679.00	.....	.....	200.00	200.00	1079.00	412.30	10572.15	47

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LODGE	No.	Receipts: Dues	Receipts: Admis'ns and Degrees	Receipts: Rents and Invested Funds	Receipts: All other Sources	Receipts: Total Receipts	Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
Pequabock	48	$796.00	$185.00	$32.33	$52.30	$1065.63	14	....	3
Rising Star	49	498.00	86.00	111.70	.25	695.95	3	....	2
Canaan	50	285.00	36.00	195.00	18.49	534.49	1	....	....
Ridgely	51	1720.85	220.00	436.04	27.95	2404.84	19	1	1
Phenix	52	1066.68	130.00	21.58	173.55	1391.81	25	....	....
Elm	53	424.50	48.00	9.56	47.00	529.06	10	....	2
Bell	54	254.00	80.00	.....	7.30	341.30	8	....	....
Mohegan	55	1220.00	152.00	18.79	.....	1399.79	15	....	1
Friendship	56	594.00	119.00	211.81	.....	924.81	12	....	1
Stephen Terry	59	1896.25	150.00	220.34	29.72	2296.31	21	....	2
Menuncatuck	62	413.00	251.00	131.61	5.00	800.61	14	....	....
Naugatuck	63	1004.17	100.00	478.43	62.16	1653.76	9	....	3
Eclectic	64	392.00	64.00	55.66	.....	511.66	5	....	....
Good Shepherd	65	564.50	153.00	303.63	6.16	1027.29	15	....	....
John Ericsson	67	1579.00	141.00	343.60	73.40	2137.00	27	....	1
Meriden Center	68	755.45	113.00	797.50	180.01	1845.96	21	....	3
Accanant	71	547.84	30.00	486.12	.....	1063.96	5	1	....
Lexington	72	1053.50	219.00	85.52	8.48	1366.50	16	....	1
Mechanics	73	1498.00	37.00	596.48	.....	2131.48	28	....	3
Sequassen	74	312.90	152.00	5.74	29.70	500.34	8	....	1
Eureka	75	783.95	124.50	178.48	4.25	1091.18	16	....	1
Polar Star	77	763.30	46.00	309.75	17.45	1136.50	16	....	3
Germania	78	1324.45	89.00	422.25	500.00	2335.70	37	1	6
Goethe	79	119.00	.....	19.46	.....	138.46	4	....	1
Adelphian	80	1603.33	414.00	206.86	124.56	2348.75	19	....	....
Webb	81	363.00	13.00	54.67	39.50	470.17	17	....	3
Hartford	82	1502.65	215.00	421.96	.25	2139.86	28	....	3
Steuben	83	578.00	42.00	568.63	.50	1189.13	15	....	4
Seaside	84	179.50	49.00	225.00	49.47	502.97	5	....	2
Pequot	85	1483.75	458.00	50.14	361.27	2353.16	28	1	5
Relief	86	1469.50	396.00	619.00	670.12	3145.62	18	....	3
Pacific	87	394.67	46.00	43.22	.....	483.89	5	....	2
Crystal	88	306.50	124.00	25.00	.....	455.50	8	....	....
Townsend	89	3873.00	389.00	1272.33	20.82	5555.15	34	....	1
Oronoque	90	602.50	365.00	184.08	12.00	1163.58	6	....	....
Humboldt	91	1444.15	96.00	265.92	1.00	1807.07	63	....	7
Schiller	92	208.35	33.00	47.27	.....	288.62	1	....	....
Connecticut	93	1236.70	386.00	281.93	4.35	1908.98	17	....	2
Lessing	94	629.20	44.00	485.48	2.25	1160.93	6	....	3
Teutonia	95	442.05	.....	94.14	.....	536.19	9	....	7
Gerstaecker	96	553.30	49.00	161.29	5.00	768.59	11	....	....
Butler	97	1516.65	186.45	391.72	920.95	3015.77	40	....	7
Beethoven	98	433.85	112.50	44.00	5.65	596.00	4	....	....
Samuel H. Harris	99	2859.00	292.00	872.44	29.00	4052.44	34	....	3
Centennial	100	1170.81	62.00	482.50	67.32	1782.63	11	....	3
Fairview	101	1044.50	170.00	117.36	.....	1331.86	24	....	2
Total	...	$89991.62	$14839.00	$24870.99	$5156.00	$134857.61	1513	19	170

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Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief: Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief	Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
182	$443.00	.....	.....	$172.00	$68.70	$683.70	$191.23	$2342.46	48
16	80.00	.....	.....	65.00	20.25	165.25	404.27	4951.01	49
9	37.00	.....	.....	.....	11.40	48.40	344.99	1248.54	50
87	416.00	$30.00	.....	100.00	217.10	763.10	1758.96	15795.75	51
321	865.00	.....	.....	150.00	203.48	1218.48	358.04	4076.98	52
77	130.00	.....	.....	60.00	17.55	207.55	205.93	4100.39	53
27	108.00	.....	.....	.....	12.75	120.75	133.70	2120.78	54
98	322.00	.....	.....	158.00	63.10	543.10	374.55	16252.13	55
65	209.00	.....	.....	50.00	24.15	283.15	537.48	3829.29	56
196	621.00	.....	.....	200.00	272.00	1093.00	1367.62	11223.57	59
42	168.00	.....	.....	.....	24.00	192.00	1501.41	12101.40	62
82	304.00	.....	.....	300.00	231.30	835.30	428.71	10636.98	63
25	107.00	.....	.....	.....	18.15	125.15	105.11	4156.76	64
119	324.00	.....	.....	.....	57.30	381.30	553.79	6221.44	65
192	816.06	.....	.....	184.57	184.25	1184.88	630.85	15282.15	67
212	571.00	.....	.....	150.00	59.90	780.90	1674.35	14318.82	68
16	78.25	32.00	.....	.....	26.25	136.50	583.02	3303.30	71
69	340.00	.....	.....	100.00	145.80	585.80	355.33	8229.20	72
251	772.00	.....	.....	200.00	277.94	1249.94	1097.19	15594.51	73
51	150.00	.....	.....	45.00	16.05	211.05	222.78	1017.86	74
162	368.00	.....	.....	110.00	31.50	509.50	307.03	9188.19	75
169	469.00	.....	.....	233.00	37.25	739.25	564.99	2204.27	77
334	844.00	50.00	.....	900.00	47.50	1841.50	447.66	17242.00	78
42	120.00	.....	.....	50.00	5.10	175.10	65.47	1303.28	79
86	348.00	.....	.....	.....	204.45	552.45	970.43	16240.12	80
100	434.00	.....	.....	150.00	202.30	786.30	208.14	2746.77	81
331	1005.00	.....	.....	216.00	134.42	1355.42	628.49	10821.09	82
174	403.50	.....	.....	268.50	31.30	703.30	604.74	11411.06	83
27	97.00	.....	.....	90.00	26.00	213.00	350.21	2020.86	84
326	977.50	9.91	.....	342.00	157.15	1486.56	693.66	20788.32	85
154	475.37	.....	.....	294.15	57.00	826.52	1570.13	6693.10	86
43	86.00	.....	.....	60.00	45.55	191.55	196.53	2148.79	87
26	112.00	.....	.....	.....	24.70	136.70	153.91	1849.33	88
215	1026.00	.....	$124.96	100.00	970.20	2221.16	1480.50	38910.33	89
51	133.50	.....	.....	.....	57.20	190.70	466.10	4613.38	90
343	972.00	.....	.....	700.00	55.10	1727.10	454.19	12418.33	91
2	8.00	.....	.....	.....	11.25	19.25	165.17	3691.23	92
142	456.00	.....	.....	100.00	101.30	657.30	590.40	13684.19	93
99	383.50	.....	.....	216.00	23.25	622.75	551.59	6451.38	94
86	251.00	.....	.....	350.00	12.90	613.90	176.27	3791.87	95
41	205.65	.....	.....	.....	34.60	240.25	408.30	8406.00	96
373	969.00	.....	.....	525.00	209.55	1703.55	1551.57	13207.11	97
62	138.50	.....	.....	.....	19.85	158.35	419.65	5780.77	98
340	1325.00	.....	.....	346.00	232.30	1903.30	790.59	40903.17	99
72	209.00	.....	.....	312.00	82.70	603.70	1050.97	17984.93	100
205	633.00	.....	.....	239.30	95.65	967.95	318.07	7045.49	101
12051	$39014.57	$589.51	$124.96	$13495.32	$11026.50	$64250.86	$58871.47	$922156.77	

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MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members June 30, 1914	Add: For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Deduct: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members Dec. 31, 1914	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Quinnipiac	1	282		6	2		290		1	3			5	9	281	2	56	19
Charter Oak	2	676		15	1		692		3				4	7	685	1		45
Middlesex	3	62		3			65		1				1	2	63		31	9
Pequonnock	4	520		2			522		1				8	9	513	7	47	6
Harmony	5	242		2			244						1	1	243	9	73	6
Ousatonic	6	299		4			303			2			2	4	299	2	59	6
Samaritan	7	328		1			329		1	1			5	7	322		45	3
Empire	8	114		2	1		117						1	1	116		22	9
L. A. Thomas	9	99		3			102								102		60	9
Our Brothers	10	451		3	1		455						6	6	449	1	63	4
Uncas	11	292		1		1	294		1				4	5	289		75	3
Central	12	376		11			387			1			3	4	383	2	45	33
Tycho Brahe	13	249		6			255		1	4			3	8	247		43	18
Wopowage	14	124		1			125			1			3	4	121	3	51	3
Montewese	15	133		3			136			3	1		1	5	131	5	38	9
Obwebetuck	16	151		4			155		2				2	4	151		28	3
Niantic	17	156					156								156		51	
Progressive	18	406					406		5				2	5	401		42	
Protection	19	112		1			113						1	1	112		24	4
Fenwick	20	124		6			130	2		2			1	5	125		38	18
Nosahogan	21	887		10	1		898			3			7	10	888		56	30
Thames	22	134					134		2					2	132		25	
Palisado	23	130		2			132			1				1	131		19	6
Rippowam	24	437		6			443		1				3	4	439		48	23
Crescent	25	309		4	1	1	315		1				1	2	313		37	16
Stonington	26	335		10	5		350		1				1	2	348		48	33
Shetucket	27	241		3			244						2	2	242	1	67	5
Hancock	28	212		2			214			2				2	212		46	6
Reliance	29	74		3			77								77		26	9
Clifton	30	301		6	1		308			2				2	306	1	50	18
King David	31	424		10	2		436		1	4			2	7	429		43	29
Wauseon	32	62					62								62		26	
Israel Putnam	33	248		10	1		259						3	3	256		28	25
Quinebaug	34	97		15			112								112		27	35
Portland	35	96		1			97								97		27	3
City	36	419	1	4			424		2				2	4	420	4	56	12
Wooster	37	216	1	2			219		1				2	3	216		58	6
Monitor	38	273		2			275			1				1	274		27	6
Croswell	39	175		3	2		180			3				3	177		35	6
Svea	40	209		10			219	3		5			2	10	209		26	27
Arcanum	41	362		6	1		369		1				3	4	365		57	18
Franklin	42	163					163		1				1	2	161		55	
Puritan	43	422		4			426		2				1	3	423		43	10
Scandia	44	107					107		2					2	105		18	
Summit	45	540		3	1		544		3	5			5	13	531		37	6
Pilgrim	46	123		3			126								126		37	9
Andree	47	399		5			404		1				2	3	401		28	15

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MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members June 30, 1912	Add: For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Deduct: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members Dec. 31, 1913	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Pequabock	48	204		2			206		1	3			1	5	201	2	60	4
Rising Star	49	133					133								133		35	
Canaan	50	77		1			78								78		11	3
Ridgely	51	447		6	1		454						1	1	453		61	18
Phenix	52	317		4			321		1	11			3	15	306	3	56	12
Elm	53	118		1			119			4				4	115		35	3
Bell	54	99		7			97		2					2	95		19	6
Mohegan	55	350		11	1		362		1	8			2	11	351	3	53	24
Friendship	56	166		3			169		1					1	168		12	9
Stephen Terry	59	410		5	2		417	6		9				15	402		43	15
Menuncatuck	62	179		3			182								182		44	9
Naugatuck	63	285		3			288		1	5			1	7	281	2	52	9
Eclectic	64	123					123		2					2	121		14	
Good Shepherd	65	193		24	1		218		1	5			1	7	211		43	56
John Ericsson	67	483		4	2		489			6			3	9	480		35	12
Meriden Center	68	192		2			194			1			2	3	191	9	48	4
Accanant	71	170		1			171			3				3	168	2	56	3
Lexington	72	332		2	2		336	1		4			1	6	330		52	4
Mechanics	73	342		4			346			2			3	5	341	2	77	10
Sequassen	74	113		2			115								115		40	3
Eureka	75	216		1			217								217		54	3
Polar Star	77	190		9			199			4			1	5	194		54	26
Germania	78	251		1			252			3			7	10	242		50	3
Adelphian	80	422		2	1		425			4			3	7	418		33	8
Webb	81	159		1	1		161			1				1	160		49	3
Hartford	82	374		3			377			5			2	7	370		52	9
Steuben	83	136			1		137			2			3	5	132		38	
Seaside	84	59		2			61								61		29	6
Pequot	85	440		13			453		1	5			2	8	445		56	29
Relief	86	407		10	1	1	419			10			1	11	408	4	38	30
Pacific	87	111		6			117		1	3				4	113	5	30	16
Crystal	88	106	1	4		1	112						2	2	110		100	8
Townsend	89	784		21			805		2	8			4	14	791		71	63
Oronoque	90	199		4		1	204			2			1	3	201	1	47	12
Humboldt	91	282		4		1	287		1	1			2	2	283		40	9
Schiller	92	75		2			77			2				2	75		21	6
Connecticut	93	305		5	1		311						2	2	309		49	11
Lessing	94	154					154			3			6	9	145		45	
Teutonia	95	81					81			1			2	3	78		22	
Gerstaecker	96	154					154								154		51	
Butler	97	415		1			416			1	1		5	7	409	1	52	
Beethoven	98	107		5			112		1	2				3	109		30	4
Samuel H. Harris	99	700		9			709		2					2	707	1	59	27
Centennial	100	279		2			281		1	1			1	3	278		57	6
Fairview	101	315		7	1		323		1				3	4	319		41	18
Total		24036	3	395	35	6	24475	12	53	162	2		155	384	24091	73	3955	1061

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LODGE	No.	Receipts: Dues	Receipts: Admis'ns and Degrees	Receipts: Rents and Invested Funds	Receipts: All other Sources	Receipts: Total Receipts	Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
Quinnipiac	1	$1014.25	$75.00	$400.00	.....	$1489.25	26	....	4
Charter Oak	2	2225.67	346.00	1546.96	$34.07	4152.70	33	3	2
Middlesex	3	184.00	49.00	.....	.....	233.00	4	....	1
Pequonnock	4	1532.54	63.00	793.87	118.99	2508.40	33	....	9
Harmony	5	789.00	24.00	405.00	.....	1218.00	16	....	1
Ousatonic	6	1095.75	26.00	422.58	2.00	1546.33	7	....	2
Samaritan	7	1022.25	18.00	204.22	2.25	1246.72	15	....	5
Empire	8	324.50	36.00	253.31	.....	613.81	4	....	....
L. A. Thomas	9	246.00	48.00	103.00	.....	397.00	3	....	....
Our Brothers	10	1076.17	30.00	768.88	352.44	2227.49	31	2	6
Uncas	11	876.53	26.00	71.02	1044.50	2018.05	23	....	2
Central	12	1437.75	210.00	281.09	.....	1928.84	20	....	3
Tycho Brahe	13	732.75	90.00	53.70	5.25	881.70	17	2	2
Wopowage	14	424.00	33.00	88.52	.....	545.52	11	....	3
Montewese	15	469.00	36.00	81.25	.....	586.25	8	....	2
Obwebetuck	16	369.00	68.00	135.76	.....	512.76	8	....	2
Niantic	17	388.50	.....	271.27	16.02	675.79	12	....	....
Progressive	18	1561.50	4.00	168.41	.90	1734.81	16	....	1
Protection	19	234.33	23.00	89.67	.....	347.00	5	....	1
Fenwick	20	400.00	95.00	74.12	6.42	575.54	4	....	1
Nosahogan	21	2661.97	192.00	592.72	.25	3446.94	52	....	7
Thames	22	325.00	.....	174.56	.....	500.56	1	....	....
Palisado	23	363.00	40.00	75.85	.....	478.85	7	....	....
Rippowam	24	1369.14	138.25	209.04	25.22	1741.65	23	2	1
Crescent	25	607.50	74.00	23.46	1685.85	2391.81	16	....	1
Stonington	26	952.00	166.00	426.00	.60	1544.60	10	....	2
Shetucket	27	985.00	55.00	70.65	194.75	1305.40	17	....	2
Hancock	28	681.80	26.00	52.86	125.55	886.21	11	....	....
Reliance	29	316.00	65.00	73.40	21.50	475.90	6	....	....
Clifton	30	1007.67	92.00	2401.88	.80	3506.25	12	1	....
King David	31	1132.00	211.00	392.90	41.70	1777.60	19	....	2
Wauseon	32	166.00	.....	19.13	.....	185.13	4	....	1
Israel Putnam	33	396.50	135.00	225.61	8.00	765.11	7	....	2
Quinebaug	34	295.00	218.00	57.00	.....	570.00	5	....	....
Portland	35	178.00	16.00	38.00	7.25	239.25	4	....	....
City	36	1381.52	68.00	440.91	1.00	1891.43	27	....	2
Wooster	37	623.25	33.00	1016.42	1.78	1674.45	13	....	2
Monitor	38	813.00	33.00	173.03	.....	1019.03	11	....	....
Croswell	39	574.50	46.00	93.25	1.37	715.12	4	1	....
Svea	40	528.00	118.00	80.45	.....	726.45	10	....	2
Arcanum	41	1178.02	102.00	492.07	.....	1772.09	12	....	3
Franklin	42	589.50	.....	94.02	.....	683.52	10	....	1
Puritan	43	1206.76	64.00	.....	.....	1270.76	12	....	1
Scandia	44	326.66	1.00	43.51	.....	371.17	5	....	....
Summit	45	1868.65	53.00	203.47	.25	2125.37	15	1	4
Pilgrim	46	398.00	37.00	173.18	.....	608.18	9	....	....
Andree	47	1261.10	60.00	228.86	.25	1550.21	23	3	3

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Weeeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief: Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief	Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
586	$ 852.00	.....	.....	$213.00	$ 92.40	$1157.40	$ 478.26	$14227.07	1
491	1964.00	$15.00	.....	100.00	501.20	2580.20	2143.37	27424.85	2
78	122.00	.....	.....	30.00	9.45	161.45	63.47	3748.10	3
420	923.00	.....	.....	700.00	482.00	2105.00	789.45	34048.72	4
267	531.50	.....	.....	56.00	121.30	708.80	659.92	14204.94	5
93	273.00	.....	.....	85.00	73.88	431.88	472.96	11913.75	6
134	347.00	.....	.....	500.00	49.20	896.20	488.55	6195.78	7
28	112.00	.....	.....	.....	16.05	128.05	171.62	3584.82	8
12	52.00	.....	.....	.....	14.55	66.55	238.56	4299.21	9
297	788.00	76.00	.....	300.00	119.10	1283.10	731.90	32802.14	10
262	920.50	.....	.....	100.00	74.31	1094.81	921.94	5728.94	11
256	490.00	.....	.....	150.00	106.40	746.40	850.30	10349.98	12
127	404.50	25.00	.....	100.00	181.85	711.45	489.42	4179.26	13
42	132.00	.....	.....	50.00	76.60	258.60	195.26	5578.06	14
105	198.00	.....	.....	100.00	40.25	338.25	177.95	4042.93	15
52	128.00	.....	.....	100.00	22.65	250.65	295.75	4225.41	16
162	334.00	.....	.....	.....	116.45	450.45	216.93	7513.76	17
111	379.00	.....	.....	100.00	128.90	607.90	1067.02	19784.24	18
24	90.00	.....	.....	50.00	70.96	210.96	126.25	3113.74	19
30	100.00	.....	.....	50.00	27.40	177.40	169.03	3283.28	20
282	927.00	.....	.....	700.00	682.47	2309.47	1441.55	43485.03	21
21	84.00	.....	.....	.....	20.10	104.10	215.37	4311.60	22
44	132.00	.....	.....	.....	25.50	157.50	329.87	3328.38	23
194	718.00	74.00	.....	85.00	130.60	1007.60	1000.88	16067.09	24
125	283.00	.....	.....	30.00	40.15	353.15	319.14	6439.55	25
82	223.00	.....	.....	50.00	50.25	323.25	692.46	12015.05	26
194	410.50	.....	.....	100.00	55.70	566.20	415.03	5439.03	27
118	251.20	.....	.....	.....	32.40	283.60	352.48	6427.84	28
36	139.00	.....	.....	.....	11.10	150.10	136.91	1935.21	29
145	362.00	104.80	.....	.....	167.93	634.73	1962.38	11572.33	30
149	449.00	.....	.....	100.00	73.60	622.60	1040.98	13470.20	31
34	105.00	.....	.....	50.00	9.45	164.45	103.10	1763.04	32
84	213.00	.....	.....	100.00	132.35	445.35	514.62	7352.63	33
52	104.00	.....	.....	.....	25.95	129.95	147.04	1592.98	34
41	155.00	.....	.....	.....	14.40	169.40	143.32	1963.09	35
437	957.00	.....	.....	200.00	233.60	1390.60	624.58	19113.11	36
181	362.00	.....	.....	100.00	115.40	577.40	2612.03	20218.57	37
69	200.00	.....	.....	.....	105.95	305.95	297.05	9408.21	38
17	85.00	10.00	.....	.....	51.25	146.25	417.35	4750.06	39
43	243.21	.....	.....	100.00	104.35	447.56	403.48	4924.62	40
163	418.00	.....	.....	200.00	160.55	778.55	645.82	27000.81	41
101	212.00	.....	.....	100.00	48.15	360.15	186.68	2430.52	42
99	296.85	.....	.....	75.00	93.30	465.15	775.84	10910.46	43
26	131.41	.....	.....	.....	16.05	147.46	137.41	3500.21	44
182	658.00	36.68	$25.25	200.00	114.00	1033.93	760.54	13106.61	45
49	115.00	.....	.....	.....	99.95	214.95	276.50	6983.38	46
159	730.50	40.00	.....	250.00	110.85	1131.35	341.02	10648.19	47

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FINANCIAL

LODGE	No.	RECEIPTS					Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Pequabock	48	$853.50	$20.00	$36.31	$72.00	$981.81	9	....	1
Rising Star	49	313.50	.....	112.60	46.88	472.98	6	....	....
Canaan	50	296.00	12.00	155.50	19.12	482.62	1	....	....
Ridgely	51	1356.25	94.00	390.56	7.10	1847.91	15	....	4
Phenix	52	1222.88	56.00	25.17	23.28	1327.33	28	1	2
Elm	53	276.50	21.00	.....	.....	297.50	10	....	....
Bell	54	248.50	82.00	53.16	.....	383.66	5	....	....
Mohegan	55	860.75	214.00	28.24	.....	1102.99	11	1	2
Friendship	56	509.67	51.00	189.16	.....	749.83	7	....	....
Stephen Terry	59	1662.19	75.00	221.78	21.80	1980.77	19	....	....
Menuncatuck	62	531.00	37.00	375.00	.....	943.00	8	....	....
Naugatuck	63	986.70	50.00	408.70	52.50	1497.90	14	....	1
Eclectic	64	286.50	.....	59.26	.....	345.76	4	....	....
Good Shepherd	65	709.00	335.00	268.92	.....	1312.92	12	....	1
John Ericsson	67	1184.50	60.00	189.06	20.00	1453.56	21	....	3
Meriden Center	68	633.65	24.00	807.50	239.49	1704.64	9	....	1
Accanant	71	369.88	15.00	150.31	8.70	543.89	4	1	....
Lexington	72	958.00	22.00	91.24	17.28	1088.52	15	....	1
Mechanics	73	1115.25	45.00	468.48	30.00	1658.73	19	....	5
Sequassen	74	332.00	11.00	6.45	.65	350.10	6	....	....
Eureka	75	687.85	13.50	162.16	1.44	864.95	13	....	....
Polar Star	77	702.65	134.00	278.53	14.00	1129.18	18	....	1
Germania	78	1090.20	11.00	410.25	200.00	1711.45	27	1	7
Adelphian	80	1549.14	46.00	220.97	.....	1816.11	19	....	3
Webb	81	337.50	14.00	106.51	.....	458.01	4	....	1
Hartford	82	1123.40	60.00	256.74	233.00	1673.14	22	1	2
Steuben	83	472.00	.....	602.43	.....	1074.43	12	....	3
Seaside	84	137.00	30.00	215.08	.....	382.08	3	....	....
Pequot	85	1433.00	270.00	71.53	.....	1774.53	18	1	4
Relief	86	1197.50	168.00	666.29	11.85	2043.64	16	....	1
Pacific	87	398.67	74.00	1.20	.25	474.12	5	....	....
Crystal	88	302.50	45.00	25.00	.....	372.50	5	....	2
Townsend	89	2363.00	383.00	592.35	24.00	3362.35	30	....	4
Oronoque	90	450.00	64.00	94.46	138.00	746.46	6	1	....
Humboldt	91	1303.35	40.00	256.25	.50	1600.10	42	....	4
Schiller	92	221.80	26.00	49.40	.....	297.20	2	1	....
Connecticut	93	1054.80	73.00	259.48	79.50	1466.78	14	....	2
Lessing	94	596.70	.....	544.67	6.25	1147.02	11	....	4
Teutonia	95	377.00	.....	.....	30.00	407.00	6	....	....
Gerstaecker	96	477.75	.....	88.36	10.00	576.11	7	....	....
Butler	97	1617.70	5.00	362.13	1169.69	3154.52	28	....	5
Beethoven	98	394.00	34.50	235.66	.....	664.16	8	....	....
Samuel H. Harris.	99	2462.40	151.00	1082.16	52.00	3747.56	35	....	....
Centennial	100	1014.00	27.00	440.54	16.50	1498.04	7	....	....
Fairview	101	1108.00	156.00	119.56	.....	1383.56	21	....	3
Total	...	$76117.16	$6392.25	$25263.37	$6249.74	$114022.52	1243	23	150

of Connecticut, for term ending December 31, 1914

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Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief						Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
	Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief			
105	$297.00	.....	.....	$171.00	$119.60	$587.60	$405.17	$2331.50	48
49	245.00	.....	.....	.....	25.25	270.25	335.46	4818.28	49
3	12.00	.....	.....	.....	21.55	33.55	309.00	1388.52	50
104	323.00	.....	.....	175.00	352.55	850.55	1111.94	15681.17	51
314	715.00	$173.50	.....	150.00	126.80	1165.30	501.93	3737.08	52
72	124.00	.....	.....	.....	17.70	141.70	200.62	4055.57	53
28	92.00	.....	.....	.....	13.50	105.50	149.46	2190.68	54
177	653.00	33.25	.....	200.00	110.00	996.25	568.41	15790.46	55
51	159.00	.....	.....	.....	24.90	183.90	330.87	4028.41	56
176	468.50	.....	.....	.....	261.25	729.75	795.16	11679.43	59
56	119.00	.....	.....	.....	36.85	155.85	384.70	12553.85	62
121	451.00	.....	.....	80.00	181.40	712.40	502.65	10919.83	63
36	118.00	.....	.....	.....	18.45	136.45	127.95	4238.12	64
127	318.00	.....	.....	75.00	60.95	453.95	467.30	6613.11	65
174	780.00	.....	.....	342.00	162.95	1284.95	979.90	14851.36	67
170	263.00	.....	.....	50.00	28.80	341.80	1059.08	14622.58	68
36	98.00	48.00	.....	.....	49.75	195.75	354.60	3296.84	71
66	321.00	.....	.....	100.00	167.80	588.80	382.03	8329.10	72
216	551.00	.....	.....	325.00	138.36	1014.36	632.72	15606.16	73
15	54.00	.....	.....	.....	15.75	69.75	201.32	1096.89	74
177	356.00	.....	.....	.....	32.40	388.40	426.85	9237.89	75
134	400.00	.....	.....	75.00	35.25	510.25	453.91	2369.29	77
315	844.00	50.00	.....	1050.00	38.10	1982.10	414.69	16556.75	78
130	516.00	.....	.....	150.00	155.95	821.95	625.71	16549.53	80
19	95.00	.....	.....	50.00	70.65	215.65	179.95	2809.18	81
263	862.00	25.00	.....	97.00	129.95	1113.95	824.37	10485.91	82
141	295.00	.....	.....	202.50	20.85	518.35	607.94	11359.20	83
16	64.00	.....	.....	.....	8.85	72.85	261.91	2068.18	84
232	516.50	5.02	.....	367.25	68.00	956.77	601.99	21004.09	85
173	513.00	.....	.....	50.00	86.05	649.05	1346.28	6597.41	86
112	159.00	.....	.....	.....	16.35	175.35	215.74	2231.82	87
21	87.00	.....	.....	100.00	15.90	202.90	204.63	1814.30	88
266	1050.00	.....	.....	400.00	893.43	2343.43	1326.68	38447.35	89
50	187.00	35.00	.....	.....	34.85	256.85	745.41	4459.58	90
316	527.00	.....	.....	400.00	68.05	995.05	318.50	12704.88	91
5	30.00	15.00	.....	.....	10.80	55.80	139.26	3793.37	92
141	428.00	.....	.....	100.00	102.95	630.95	529.01	13881.01	93
59	230.00	.....	.....	471.00	23.25	724.25	467.51	6406.64	94
135	177.00	.....	.....	100.00	45.03	322.03	111.69	3765.15	95
31	154.86	.....	.....	.....	142.50	297.36	144.40	8540.35	96
383	701.00	.....	.....	375.00	145.75	1221.75	1351.66	13788.22	97
83	191.50	.....	.....	.....	50.70	242.20	209.06	5993.67	98
378	1053.00	.....	.....	.....	150.55	1203.55	699.60	42597.58	99
76	148.00	.....	.....	.....	111.85	259.85	844.51	17793.61	100
175	538.00	.....	.....	382.36	47.25	967.61	265.27	7196.17	101
12631	$34389.53	$766.25	$25.25	$11262.11	$0489.77	$55932.91	$50158.23	$930684.85	

Abstract of Annual Returns Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE.	No.	MEMBERSHIP: Initiated during the year		Admitted by Card during the year		Reinstated during the year		Withdrawn by Card during the year		Suspended during the year		Expelled during the year		Deceased during the year		Total Membership		
		B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	To
Naomi	1	11	10					1		3	2				1	57	96	153
Rachel	2	21	26				1		1		1				1	55	106	161
New Haven	3	24	28					*8	2					1	1	53	90	143
Charity	4	14	24		2			1		3	2			2	4	205	338	543
Sylvan	5	3	5					1	3	3	1				2	69	147	216
Fidelity	6	8	11					2	3	3	10			3	1	88	159	247
Esther	7		10					1		1					1	15	92	107
Winona	8	7	26					1	3						1	59	129	188
Ells-Wood	9		8					2	4	1	3					46	118	164
Lady Fenwick	10	4	3				1		1	4	5					48	63	111
Stella	11	3	6		1				2							52	160	212
Priscilla	12	7	21		1									1	1	69	105	174
Freundschaft	13								1		2			3	4	70	162	232
Deborah	14	2	3		*2			*2		5					5	28	120	148
Columbia	15	3	4					1			1			1	3	17	114	131
Myrtle	16	2	4				1	1	1	3	11			2		43	105	148
Union	17		4						1	3	2					30	49	79
Miriam	18	30	43		1			3	2	3	2			1	5	207	286	493
Eintracht	19	3	3												1	28	71	99
Osprey	20	6	11							8	11			1	1	65	118	183
Hope	21	4	9							1	2				1	34	83	117
Evening Star	22	9	15		2	1	1		2	4	1			1	2	51	87	138
Isabelle	23	2	4													13	31	44
Ruth	24	9	7							7	5					36	70	106
Crystal	25	18	48						1						3	78	167	245
Harmonie	26	7	7							3	2			1	1	47	85	132
Orient	27		3		1											22	54	76
Ruthie	28		2													19	29	48
Aquilla	29	2	9						1							36	82	118
Echo	30	3	11			1	3	1	1					1		70	122	192
Marion	31					1	1		1							21	27	48
Laurel	32	3	4			1	2	1	2	2	2			1		53	98	151
Mizpah	33	12	26	1	1									1		71	97	168
Myriad	34		2													16	44	60
Columbian	35	6	7						1	6	3					86	148	234
Ivy	36	2	7		1			1	*1					1		36	62	98
Valley	37	10	12						1							88	120	208
Mayflower	38									4	6			2	1	43	76	119
Sunset	39	12	20					2	1	1	2			2	1	81	162	243
Maida	40	4	6					1	2	3	2					50	64	114
Magnolia	41	3	10		1			2	2	5	4					70	114	184
Eureka	42	1	10		2			3	6	1	5			1	1	80	164	244
Palm	43	7	7					1	5	4	1					45	69	114
Faith	44							1	2		1				1	20	42	62
Martha	45	3	6				1	1	1						1	33	56	89
Venona	46		3					1								10	44	54
Welcome	47	11	20		1		1		3					1		73	148	221
Anchor	48	3	3					1	1							33	53	86
Queen Esther	49	5	7					1	2		1					28	31	59
Home	50	5	9					5	12						1	63	91	154
Mary	51	4	3					1	3	2	2			1	1	52	68	120
Hazel	52		1		1				3	6	4					16	32	48
Medora	53	4	6													25	69	94
Unity	54	1	5	1	1			1	2		1				4	55	145	200
Our Sisters	55	5	13	1					4		1			1		67	93	160
Mystic	56	45	71	6	13											51	84	135
Total		348	623	9	31	4	12	48	84	89	98			29	50	2976	5639	8615

for term ending December 31st, 1914

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS							RELIEF				
Admissions	Dues	Interest and Rents	Sundries	Total Receipts for twelve Months	Total Fund	Expenses	Relief of Members	Relief of Widowed Families	Relief of Orphans	Special Relief	Total Relief
$26.00	$195.92	$39.07	$ .25	$261.24	$921.00	$197.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48.00	118.73	4.06	.....	170.79	162.50	144.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
58.00	117.55	.....	.....	175.55	33.60	157.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
78.00	479.50	.....	156.15	713.65	2368.21	579.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.00	263.62	.....	.....	271.62	232.73	279.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38.00	200.00	.....	730.00	968.00	376.94	927.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10.00	89.42	8.86	2.25	110.53	238.86	118.64	.....	.....	.....	$5.00	$5.00
66.00	211.67	30.94	1.00	309.61	801.68	305.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.00	126.75	.....	13.05	147.80	28.19	140.95	.....	.....	.....	20.00	20.00
11.00	101.00	.....	33.74	145.74	144.73	126.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.25	164.00	6.10	.....	181.35	507.58	196.41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28.00	137.00	3.56	2.10	170.66	251.97	130.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	703.00	192.92	43.50	939.42	4861.69	546.46	$450.25	$210.00	.....	.....	660.25
11.00	698.50	431.25	38.06	1178.84	9663.23	691.93	422.00	500.00	$5.00	$83.38	1010.38
8.00	542.45	394.45	127.00	1071.90	9544.67	438.01	378.00	300.00	.....	40.00	718.00
7.00	221.50	3.76	2.00	234.26	95.20	212.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4.80	90.30	.....	3.88	98.98	103.91	114.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
73.00	440.50	1.25	164.63	679.38	933.06	1429.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	74.00	9.33	74.00	163.33	277.00	81.00	.....	50.00	.....	10.00	60.00
12.00	376.75	4.87	1.60	395.22	295.75	281.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18.00	158.48	8.02	.....	184.50	471.83	154.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27.00	145.50	7.02	.50	180.02	173.80	131.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	22.00	.....	.....	28.00	113.70	33.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.00	74.00	.....	41.38	131.38	49.45	134.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
67.00	175.25	5.04	41.61	288.90	130.29	300.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14.00	285.60	79.41	.....	379.01	2089.10	158.26	27.00	63.00	.....	.....	90.00
3.00	69.42	.....	60.00	132.42	84.46	159.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.00	36.00	.....	.....	38.00	24.24	47.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.00	75.50	5.52	9.55	101.57	199.87	87.08	.....	.....	.....	15.00	15.00
36.00	247.82	22.41	.....	306.23	589.51	289.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.00	28.00	.75	.....	30.75	44.33	32.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32.00	275.44	.....	356.91	644.35	774.39	280.32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37.00	135.25	.....	.....	172.25	185.08	147.08	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
2.00	55.00	.....	13.00	70.00	127.99	41.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.00	234.00	10.23	18.02	273.25	557.82	358.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9.00	80.12	.....	42.93	132.05	281.94	118.77	.....	.....	.....	7.35	7.35
22.00	171.75	13.54	.....	207.29	426.90	143.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	109.75	.....	30.69	140.44	21.46	121.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
62.00	251.25	6.14	.75	320.14	358.50	241.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10.00	124.00	5.00	39.12	178.12	151.95	416.74	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
12.00	190.75	.....	2.95	205.70	118.41	162.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22.00	265.70	.....	285.85	573.55	527.82	381.61	.....	.....	.....	30.00	30.00
24.00	177.50	.....	.....	201.50	277.17	213.73	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
.....	53.75	8.48	2.50	64.73	247.71	77.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10.00	69.25	.....	.....	79.25	44.37	80.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4.50	79.60	.....	.....	84.10	93.45	86.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32.00	208.50	.....	3.25	243.75	158.44	200.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	76.00	.....	.50	82.50	116.98	246.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.00	64.65	.....	.....	80.65	50.66	74.97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23.00	127.01	.....	1.20	151.21	541.42	173.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7.00	239.62	9.94	.60	257.16	269.94	346.05	25.00	30.00	.....	5.00	5.00
3.00	72.88	.....	.27	76.15	67.73	51.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.00
9.00	77.50	.....	54.38	140.88	253.50	140.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7.50	163.50	4.24	77.69	252.93	394.95	224.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39.00	118.60	.....	103.80	261.40	100.57	214.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
116.00	121.00	.....	.....	237.00	51.96	185.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$1230.05	$10212.10	$1316.16	$2580.66	$15338.97	$42014.19	$13356.10	$1302.25	$1153.00	$25.00	$225.73	$2705.98

APPENDIX

1st—Form Bequests, Odd Fellows Home

2nd—Home Proceedings

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

[General.]

I give and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, ...dollars, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Managers of said The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

[Specific.]

I give and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, ...dollars, in trust, to be used for the purposes following, to wit:

(Here specify in detail the purposes.)

[General Device of Real Estate.]

I give, devise and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, all that certain tract or parcel of land, situated in the Town of.....and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

(Description of land in full.)

with power to sell and convey the same, and to use the proceeds of the sale thereof at the discretion of said corporation or its Board of Managers.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Annual Meeting

OF THE

ODD FELLOWS HOME

OF CONNECTICUT

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

MARCH 17, 1915

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

Representatives:—The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home Corporation of Connecticut was called to order by Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., as 1st Vice-President, in Odd Fellows Hall, Crown street. at 10:15 A. M. Brother Upson asked for a volunteer to preside at the piano while all joined in singing the opening ode. Brother A. G. Breckenridge, P. G. of No. 52 responded, after which Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Smith asked our Supreme Grand Master for his guidance over the deliberations of the Corporation at this session.

Vice President Upson then declared the meeting duly opened and appointed as credential Committee L. C. Brown of Pacific Lodge No. 87, and Harvey S. Halligan of Mechanics Lodge No. 73.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Officers, the Board of Managers and the Life Corporators, and the following were found to be present: Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., First Vice-President; Theodore Kassenbrook, Second Vice-President; Algot Johnson, Third Vice-President; Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary; Clarkson N. Fowler, Treasurer; Rev. Charles H. Smith, Chaplain. Board of Managers—William S. Hutchison, P. G. M.; Philip Pond, P. G. M.; Charles E. Gates, Frank E. Green, Hugo L. Patzold, H. C. F. Howell, F. K. Woolworth, Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M.; Henry C. Stevenson, Grand Master. Life Corporators—Clarkson N. Fowler, Henry C. Stevenson, Selah G. Blakeman, P. G. M.; William S. Hutchison, P. G. M.; Wallace R. Johnson, Frank R. Upson, P. G. M.; Charles E. Gates, Philip Pond, P. G. M.; Theodore Kassenbrook, Frank W. Porter, Arthur H. Swift, F. M. Canfield, P. G. P.; W. D. Hotchkiss, Charles E. Beebe, Frederick C. Burrows, P. G. M.; Samuel Prince, P. G. P.; James A.. Matthews, Lincoln D. Hill, Charles H. Mills, George P. Sturtevant.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting were dispensed with. Credential Committee reported as having received the credentials of 58 Associate Corporators. Upon motion the report was accepted as one of progress.

Vice-President Upson read the report of President Reynolds who was absent by reason of illness, and the report was accepted as read, as were the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Committee, Supply Committee, Property Committee, and Printing Committee. Vice-President congratulated the Corporation upon the reports of the several committees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—I welcome you to this our Twenty-third Annual Meeting, and you as the representatives of the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction who have been elected to come to this meeting and hear the reports of the officers of this Association for the past year, that you may decide whether they have properly performed their duties as you may wish, and to make arrangements for the management of the Home for the coming year, and to elect officers to carry out those plans which you may deem to be for the best interest of our beautiful Home and the residents therein. I have attended every annual meeting since this corporation was formed and I know there is but one thought in the minds of us all, and that is, that we must do the best we can for each resident of the Home and our beloved Order.

If you read the following pages you will see what your officers and committees have done the past year. There have been 402 orders drawn, from 5870 to 6272, inclusive, which represent $13,109.78 which has been paid out during the past year, and who has received it:

No.		
5870	Samuel Prince, insurance	$138.98
5871	Wallace R. Johnson, insurance	83.50
5872	Wallace R. Johnson, postage and stenographer	8.00
5873	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	94.84
5874	Charles S. Leete Co., medical supplies	19.02
5875	C. C. Blosser, barber	12.10
5876	Borough of Groton, electric light	19.57
5877	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	11.86
5878	H. E. Marquardt, groceries	12.61
5879	E. B. Holton, meats	41.23
5880	Joseph L. Chapman, envelopes	17.09
5881	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
5882	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
5883	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
5884	M. C. Connor, services	18.00
5885	Ruby Johnson, services	14.00

5886	May Miller, services	$ 7.00
5887	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	74.60
5888	Birt O. Fowler, labor and material	79.60
5889	John E. Black, M.D., professional services	5.00
5890	C. C. Blosser, barber	12.80
5891	Groton Grain Co., grain	85.32
5892	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	11.86
5893	H. E. Marquardt, groceries	10.47
5894	Borough of Groton, electric light	18.00
5895	E. B. Holton, meats	60.37
5896	S. N. E. Telephone, service	4.50
5897	Troy Laundry, laundry work	29.88
5898	L. C. Bates Co., butter, etc	16.38
5899	Loose Wiles Biscuit Co., crackers	10.67
5900	E. W. Lowrey, one cow	80.00
5901	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	4.52
5902	C. S. W. Davis, meats and supplies	4.18
5903	C. H. Brooks, grain	41.75
5904	J. N. Elliott, harness work	.65
5905	Morgan & White, electric batteries	1.41
5906	W. R. Francis, sea food	9.73
5907	W. R. Francis, sea food	10.98
5908	Harris Hyman, blacksmithing	9.75
5909	Warren B. Burrows, hay	66.07
5910	John T. Black, M.D., professional services, January, February and March	36.50
5911	Elmer R. Pierson, one horse	235.00
5912	L. S. Goldschmidt, napkins	26.25
5913	W. P. Benjamin & Co., carpet	6.99
5914	Troy Laundry Co., laundry	43.11
5915	R. S. Edgerton, box rent to April	2.85
5916	Barnes Bros. Nursery Co., fruit, etc	5.40
5917	L. C. Bates Co., butter, etc	17.01
5918	Miner, Read & Tullock, house supplies	88.22
5919	J. M. Thorburn, farm supplies	49.68
5920	Putnam Furniture Co., bed springs and mattress	17.00
5921	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
5922	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
5923	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
5924	M. C. Connor, services	18.00
5925	Ruby Johnson, services	18.00
5926	Cook's salary, extra help house and farm, freight and ferry	93.25
5927	C. C. Blosser, barber	14.00
5928	Borough of Groton, electric light	15.30
5929	J. N. Elliott, farm supplies	2.10
5930	W. R. Francis, sea food	14.40

5931	C. M. Shaw, fertilizer for farm	$ 9.00
5932	J. S. Underhill, V.S.	8.00
5933	E. B. Holton, meats	29.08
5934	Standard Oil, merchandise	15.90
5935	G. R. Henslet, plumbing	3.75
5936	Morgan & White, batteries and oil	1.57
5937	Huber & Chittendon, merchandise	44.96
5938	G. M. Williams, hardware	4.06
5939	C. S. Woodhull & Davis, medical supplies	2.03
5940	Francis H. Leggett Co., to correct bill	1.20
5941	G. R. Hempstead, repairs to house	30.45
5942	Lee Morgan Co., repairs to house	42.20
5943	S. N. E. Telephone	1.60
5944	Groton Coal Co., coal	48.38
5945	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	11.90
5946	Charles S. Leete Co., medical supplies	30.53
5947	Groton Grain Co., grain	4.95
5948	Troy Laundry, laundry work	41.25
5949	C. M. Shay, seed potatoes	15.00
5950	C. H. Brooks, grain	44.15
5951	Lyon & Ewald, house supplies	13.61
5952	L. C. Bates Co., butter	17.64
5953	Cahill Beef Co., lard	13.20
5954	Brewer Colgan Co., book	4.00
5955	W. R. Johnson, officers' bonds	33.00
5956	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
5957	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
5958	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
5959	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
5960	M. C. Connor, services	18.00
5961	Ruby Johnson, services	18.00
5962	Nellie Woodward, farm help, freight and ferry	56.75
5963	Orie T. Hyman, organist, April 25th	1.00
5964	Shay Fertilizer Co., fertilizer	30.30
5965	Francis H. Leggett, supplies	32.63
5966	Groton Grain Co., grain	26.30
5967	E. B. Holton & Co., meats	90.58
5968	Huber & Chittendon, curtains	1.44
5969	J. N. Elliott, harness supplies	2.00
5970	W. R. Francis, sea food	15.58
5971	Groton Electric Department, light	16.19
5972	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	3.51
5973	C. C. Blosser, barber	16.40
5974	Wallace R. Johnson, expense as Secretary	14.31
5975	Swift & Co., lard	38.94
5976	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	111.43
5977	Charles S. Leete, medical supplies	12.40

5978	L. C. Bates Co., butter	$ 17.64
5979	W. J. Sheehan & Co., supplies	11.86
5980	New England Cigar & Tobacco Co., tobacco	2.90
5981	Fournier Laundry Co., laundry	39.15
5982	C. H. Brooks & Co., grain	59.20
5983	M. L. Trail & Co., hay	45.60
5984	F. Sherwood Burr, baby chicks	7.75
5985	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
5986	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
5987	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
5988	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
5989	M. C. Connor, services	18.00
5990	Ruby Johnson, services	18.00
5991	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	70.90
5992	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	37.00
5993	Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., printing	10.50
5994	W. R. Francis, sea food	12.20
5995	Harris Hyman, blacksmithing	31.65
5996	G. R. Hempstead, plumbing	2.15
5997	Putnam Furniture Co., furniture	16.17
5998	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	2.61
5999	Groton Electric Department, light	11.74
6000	Groton Grain Co., grain	7.18
6001	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	3.47
6002	Edward B. Holton, meats	104.38
6003	Miner, Read & Tullock, tobacco	60.75
6004	C. C. Blosser, barber	13.60
6005	N. E. Tobacco Co., tobacco	8.92
6006	Francis H. Leggett Co., six barrels sugar	81.14
6007	Birt O. Fowler, painting and paperhanging	48.20
6008	E. T. Pettigrew, Trustee, driving carriage	45.00
6009	George G. McClunie, floral piece, L. deLeeuw	10.00
6010	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6011	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6012	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6013	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6014	M. C. Connor, services	18.00
6015	Katherine Allyn, services	7.50
6016	Ruby Johnson, services	8.00
6017	Frank Phillips, services	13.50
6018	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6019	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	51.50
6020	Hawley Hardware Co., wire fence	27.75
6021	W. S. Thomas, hay and yearling bull	81.25
6022	Charles S. Leete Co., medical supplies	9.00
6023	C. H. Brooks, grain	94.80
6024	Morgan & White, electric supplies	3.27

6025	S. N. E. Telephone	$ 9.00
6026	Fournier Laundry Co., laundry	38.79
6027	W. R. Francis, sea food	18.51
6028	Huber & Chittendon, drygoods	15.14
6029	Harris Hyman, blacksmithing	6.75
6030	Groton Electric Co., light	16.58
6031	Lyon & Ewald, house furnishings	19.33
6032	Carroll Laundry, laundry	12.48
6033	Loose Wiles Biscuit Co., crackers	10.39
6034	J. N. Elliott, harness work	6.35
6035	G. R. Hempstead, labor and material	12.50
6036	Groton Coal Co., coal	47.73
6037	Miner, Read & Tullock, tea	8.76
6038	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	7.47
6039	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	23.72
6040	L. C. Bates Co., butter	18.24
6041	C. C. Blosser, barber	16.30
6042	C. M. Williams Co., hardware	2.79
6043	E. B. Holton, meats	132.58
6044	Charles S. Leete Co., medical supplies	11.89
6045	Charles R. Beebe, 500 envelopes and printing	12.79
6046	Troy Laundry, laundry	43.59
6047	L. C. Bates Co., butter	19.53
6048	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	49.09
6049	George J. Ziegler, supplies for house	8.25
6050	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6051	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6052	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6053	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6054	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6055	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6056	Margaret Carney, services	12.75
6057	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6058	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	55.90
6059	Mary Walling, extra nursing, Brother Gawley	42.00
6060	Edward B. Holton, meats	101.71
6061	Charles J. Lincoln & Co., coffee	60.00
6062	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	6.25
6063	Groton Coal Co., coal	39.67
6064	Groton Grain Co., grain	4.75
6065	C. H. Brooks, grain	57.55
6066	Fournier Laundry Co	55.17
6067	Borough of Groton Electric Co., light	15.55
6068	W. R. Francis, sea food	12.72
6069	J. N. Elliott, harness, etc	31.65
6070	C. C. Blosser, barber	15.10
6071	Putnam Furniture Co., bed and springs	11.52

6072	Huber & Chittendon, rugs and matting	$ 15.63
6073	The Hilliar Co., stove ware	19.96
6074	G. R. Hempstead, farm supplies	1.00
6075	C. A. Phillips, labor and materials	8.75
6076	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	8.53
6077	W. J. Sheehan, supplies	11.86
6078	Charles S. Leete & Co., drugs	13.89
6079	W. R. Johnson, expenses as Secretary	6.50
6080	H. E. Marquardt, groceries	74.26
6081	L. C. Bates Co., butter	21.12
6082	Arnold Rudd Co., supplies	14.60
6083	Charles D. Douglass, envelopes and letter sheets	2.85
6084	E. G. Whittlesey, cheese	68.25
6085	Arnold Rudd Co., supplies	44.60
6086	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	1.18
6087	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6088	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6089	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6090	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6091	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6092	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6093	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6094	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6095	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	65.60
6096	Groton Coal Co., coal	90.97
6097	Fournier Laundry Co., laundry	39.57
6098	W. R. Francis, sea food	14.94
6099	S. N. E. Telephone	7.00
6100	C. H. Brooks, grain	46.75
6101	Putnam Furniture Co., pillows and springs	14.70
6102	J. N. Elliott, repairing harness	.35
6103	L. S. Goldschmidt & Co., blankets and supplies	142.60
6104	George J. Ziegler & Co., sweets	9.00
6105	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	7.70
6106	Groton Grain Co., grain	18.20
6107	G. M. Williams & Co., hardware	3.23
6108	Charles S. Leete Co., medical supplies	28.70
6109	The F. E. Fowler Co., crockery, etc	54.80
6110	Groton Electric Department, lights	20.82
6111	E. B. Holton, meats	83.17
6112	C. C. Blosser, barber	13.80
6113	G. R. Hempstead, labor and material	50.87
6114	The Arnold Rudd Co., grain	13.27
6115	L. C. Bates Co., butter, etc	21.45
6116	Francis H. Leggett & Co., groceries	177.69
6117	Marquardt Bros., labor and materials	1,478.32
6118	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00

6119	Nellie Woodward, matron	$ 45.00
6120	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6121	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6122	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6123	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6124	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6125	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6126	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6127	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferry	6.90
6128	Charles D. Douglass, bill forms	2.25
6129	Dr. John T. Black, services at Home	45.50
6130	Nellie Woodward, fence repairing	164.00
6131	Harris Hyman, horseshoeing and material	20.56
6132	Arnold Rudd Co., supplies	20.10
6133	J. N. Elliott, harness goods	4.00
6134	Huber & Chittendon, matting, etc	20.07
6135	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	3.96
6136	C. C. Blosser, barber	19.40
6137	L. C. Bates Co., butter	21.12
6138	Francis H. Leggett Co., supplies	15.84
6139	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	6.75
6140	G. R. Hempstead, labor and plumbing material	27.43
6141	Morgan & White, batteries	1.32
6142	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	.58
6143	Groton Electric Department, light	21.83
6144	Groton Water & Electric Department, wire, etc	9.69
6145	E. B. Holton, meats	124.79
6146	Groton Grain Co., grain	31.15
6147	W. R. Francis, sea food	19.13
6148	Mirror for barber shop, D. Levinson	8.00
6149	John T. Black, M.D., professional services and expenses	4.45
6150	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6151	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6152	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6153	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6154	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6155	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6156	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6157	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6158	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6159	Nellie Woodward, fence repairing	65.50
6160	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferry	5.40
6161	C. C. Blosser, barber	13.60
6162	Empire Hardware Co., hardware for storeroom	16.55
6163	Amanda Allen, cranberries	6.00
6164	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	20.29

6165	Fournier Laundry Co., laundry	$ 41.31
6166	Francis H. Leggett Co., groceries	31.92
6167	Standard Oil Co., oil	16.70
6168	F. R. Upson, seeds and bulbs for flower beds	8.50
6169	Hawley Hardware Co., fence	10.00
6170	Lee, Morgan & Co., labor and materials	29.82
6171	M. L. Trail, hay	102.69
6172	Huber & Chittendon, oil cloth	.98
6173	Everett L. Crane, potatoes	81.60
6174	C. H. Brooks, grain	42.95
6175	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	28.50
6176	W. R. Francis, sea food	16.88
6177	G. P. Finch, ice	71.93
6178	G. R. Hempstead, plumbing	2.10
6179	Charles R. Tubbs, one cow	85.00
6180	G. W. Williams Co., hardware	12.75
6181	Groton Water & Sewer Department, labor	1.90
6182	Groton Electric Department	28.01
6183	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	8.15
6184	Groton Coal Co., coal	158.04
6185	Groton Grain Co., grain	15.65
6186	Edward B. Holton, meats	99.97
6187	Loose Wiles Biscuit Co., crackers	9.84
6188	Putnam Furniture Co., furniture	10.58
6189	Isaac C. Lamb, cow	70.00
6190	J. F. Miller, laundry	49.59
6191	Harris Hyman, blacksmithing	20.12
6192	Miner, Read & Tullock, sugar, etc	21.30
6193	John T. Black, M.D	7.00
6194	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6195	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6196	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6197	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6198	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6199	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6200	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6201	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6202	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6203	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferry	28.40
6204	Birt O. Fowler, repairs, labor and materials	46.65
6205	G. P. Finch, labor on farm grading	47.75
6206	C. C. Blosser, barber	12.70
6207	W. R. Francis, sea food	11.75
6208	Morgan & White, six batteries	1.32
6209	Lee, Morgan & Co., labor and materials	6.09
6210	J. F. Miller, laundry work	38.40
6211	Huber & Chittendon, window shades	2.11

6212	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	$ 6.91
6213	G. R. Hempstead, labor and material	3.40
6214	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	2.01
6215	C. H. Brooks, grain	38.05
6216	Groton Grain Co., grain	10.90
6217	H. E. Marquardt, supplies	1.50
6218	Charles S. Leete & Co., medical supplies	21.57
6219	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	9.36
6220	Edward B. Holton, meats	90.40
6221	S. N. E. Telephone	5.29
6222	Arnold Rudd Co., flour	69.50
6223	Groton Electric Department, light	33.52
6224	Groton Coal Co., coal	130.00
6225	L. C. Bates Co., butter	20.79
6226	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	37.50
6227	Charles D. Douglass, stamped envelopes	7.20
6228	Mina R. Saylis, stenographer, services to Treasurer	3.00
6229	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6230	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6231	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6232	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6233	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6234	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6235	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6236	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6237	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6238	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferry	5.20
6239	Marquardt Bros., labor and materials	36.51
6240	F. O. Woodward, superintendent	45.00
6241	Nellie Woodward, matron	45.00
6242	Olive Beckwith, nurse	30.00
6243	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6244	Katherine Allyn, services	20.00
6245	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6246	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6247	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6248	Charles Kerby, services	20.00
6249	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferry	5.00
6250	Charles D. Douglass, printing circulars	5.70
6251	N. E. Cigar & Tobacco Co., tobacco	2.94
6252	J. F. Miller, laundry work	35.22
6253	C. C. Blosser, barber	16.50
6254	E. B. Holton, meats	38.40
6255	Frank R. Upson, expenses	36.68
6256	L. C. Bates Co., butter	21.12
6257	W. J. Sheehan Co., supplies	18.75
6258	Miner, Read & Tullock, groceries	36.61

6259	Miner, Read & Tullock, sugar	$ 37.63
6260	Groton Grain Co., grain	7.40
6261	C. M. Williams Co., hardware	5.60
6262	Groton Coal Co., coal	82.70
6263	Groton Electric Department, light	27.11
6264	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	5.54
6265	Darrow & Comstock, hardware	1.00
6266	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	3.75
6267	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	8.00
6268	Putnam Furniture Co., draw-pulls	.50
6269	C. H. Brooks, grain	32.90
6270	The Hilliar Co., labor and material	2.65
6271	W. R. Francis, sea food	13.04
6272	Harris Hyman, horseshoeing	13.25

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON.

As my predecessor stated in his last annual report, probably no other brother, unless he be a resident of the Home, has a better opportunity than the President to know of the good work done by our good Brother and Sister Woodward. Much of the peace and much of the prosperity of the Home has devolved upon them and they have never been found wanting. For twelve years they have served this Association and served it faithfully, and the experience which they have had has qualified them so they are able to manage the affairs at the Home in such a manner that every brother and sister in this Jurisdiction should feel thankful to know that the brothers and sisters at the Home are being cared for with kindness and respect.

HOME PHYSICIAN.

We are very fortunate in having as the Home physician, Dr. John T. Black. His work needs no words of mine to express what we know he is doing for those who are needing medical care at the Home, but I take this opportunity of thanking him for his interest in the residents of the Home and our Order.

GRAND MASTER'S DAY.

April 26, 1914, while very unpleasant, was very pleasant inside and each year brings a larger attendance, which is very gratifying to the Managers. We are again indebted to our Grand Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith, for the program which he arranged for our use and in which he so ably assisted us to carry out.

All branches of the Order were represented. The brothers of Clifton Lodge, No. 30, of Winsted, sent a portrait of Grand Master Frank E. Roys, which was presented to the Home by the Grand Secretary, W. S. Hutchison. Remarks were made by all the elective officers of the State

Assembly and many others. After the close of the exercises all were given an opportunity to visit the residents and look over the Home property. Mrs. Woodward and her assistants then served lunch.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers held three meetings during the year, one at Groton, Fairview, April 25, 1914; one at New Haven, October 24, 1914, and one at Groton, Conn., December 7, 1914. The meetings were very harmonious and the business transacted was all for making those at the Home more comfortable and happy.

At the meeting held April 25, 1914, I appointed the following named brothers on the standing committees:

Finance—William S. Hutchison, Grant U. Kierstead and H. C. F. Howell.

Supplies—Frank R. Upson, Charles A. Reed and Hugo L. Patzold.

Property—Philip Pond, Charles E. Gates and Selah G. Blakeman.

Printing—Wallace R. Johnson, F. E. Greene and F. M. Canfield.

Library—Algot Johnson, H. J. Hirsch and F. K. Woolworth.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

I wish personally to thank both the Secretary, Brother Johnson, and Treasurer, Brother Clarkson N. Fowler, for their efforts to make our Home the best in the land, and when you read their yearly reports you, I am sure, as brothers will feel that they have done their work well.

MEMORIAL DAY.

May 30, 1914, a committee from Fairview Lodge, No. 101, Brothers P. B. Henry, F. Sleeper and P.G. Edward F. Walsh, decorated the graves of those brothers who are buried in the Home cemetery. To these brothers I express our sincere thanks.

ADMISSIONS AND DEPARTURES.

On March 1, 1915, there were thirty-five residents at the Home, thirty-three brothers and two sisters.

No. 138—Charles A. Scharf, Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, March 10, 1914.

No. 139—Daniel P. Porter, City Lodge, No. 36, April 15, 1914.

No. 140—Fred Rogers, Phenix Lodge, No. 52, April 21, 1914.

No. 141—Mrs. Amelia J. Wheaton, Phenix Lodge, No. 52, May 16, 1914.

No. 142—Joseph W. Allen, Accanant Lodge, No. 71, May 21, 1914.

No. 143—Edward W. Rogers, S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, June 7, 1914.

No. 144—Whitson Wheeler, Butler Lodge, No. 97, August 2, 1914.

No. 145—Mrs. Caroline M. Hull, Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, October 2, 1914.

No. 146—Clinton L. Ladd, Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, October 7, 1914.

No. 147—Mrs. Mary J. Brown, Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, November 24, 1914.

No. 148—Walter B. Camp, Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, February 4, 1915.

DEPARTURES.

Mrs. H. L. Woodworth, Hartford Lodge, No. 82, April 22, 1914.

Whitson Wheeler, Butler Lodge, No. 97, December 11, 1914.

DIED.

Samuel T. Scott, City Lodge No. 36, March 5, 1914. Buried in Home cemetery.

Mrs. Amelia J. Wheaton, Phenix Lodge, No. 52, November 22, 1914. Buried in Westfield, Mass.

Sterne D. Fairchild, City Lodge, No. 36, January 18, 1915. Buried in New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Caroline M. Hull, Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, January 21, 1915. Buried in Norwalk, Conn.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Home Committee appointed by the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, Mrs. Elizabeth Manville, comprising Sisters M. Louise Johnson, of Osprey, No. 20; Isabelle Stewart, of Orient, No. 27, and Bertha Crane, of Home, No. 50, asked each Rebekah Lodge in the State for money to give Christmas cheer to the residents at the Home. The contributions were so generous that each of the 34 brothers at the Home was presented with one wool sweater, pair of trousers, pair of suspenders, box of candy and one new dollar bill. To each of the three sisters residents of the Home, one silk waist, a kimona, one white apron, a box of candy and a new dollar bill.

The following magazines for one year were also presented by the committee: *Cosmopolitan, Red Book, American, Everybody's, McClure's;* two bed quilts and two boxes of cigars.

Members of the Lodges from New London came over and gave "minstrels" which was greatly enjoyed, as was also the monologue given by the Treasurer of the Assembly, Miss Clara B. M. Douglas. Brother Wallace R. Johnson again acted as Santa Claus and distributed the presents in his usual pleasing manner.

Present were the Grand Master, Henry C. Stevenson; Grand Secretary William S. Hutchison, President of Assembly Mrs. Elizabeth A. Manville, Vice-President Mrs. Katie J. Reynolds and many brothers and sisters from Groton and New London. This good work is greatly

appreciated by the management, and the Rebekahs of this State are to be congratulated on the success of this good work. The President of the Home extends his personal thanks to each Rebekah Lodge for their generosity, and to the committee for their good work. Also to Mrs. Woodward and her assistants in serving ice cream and cake at the conclusion of the entertainment.

STOCK.

On February 28, 1915—Two horses, five cows, two yearlings, two calves, one bull, nine hogs.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That a per capita tax of fifteen cents be levied the same as last year.

CONCLUSION.

In closing, I wish to speak of Past Grand Master and Past President of the Home Brother Leopold deLeeuw. His work on earth is ended, but it will always live in our hearts. This Jurisdiction has lost a faithful brother.

Words fail to express my appreciation of the comfortable and modern barber chair presented by the Guards of Adelphian Lodge, No. 80, of Bridgeport.

I wish to thank every member of the Order in the State who has in any way helped to make our Home the beautiful Home it is; to all committees, the Board of Managers and all others who have in any way contributed to the Home. I can only say your efforts have proved successful.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCUS L. REYNOLDS,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Secretary herewith respectfully submits his annual report:

Received for Board of residents	$3,243.00
Home Tax	7,141.65
Donations	217.55
Medical attendance of residents	161.50
Special nursing of residents	287.00
Sales	103.20
Miscellaneous	2.90
	$11,156.80

Cash donations from Lodges and members for general expenses and included in the foregoing statement as donations, as follows:

Harmony Lodge, No. 5	$10.00
Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6	10.00
Central Lodge, No. 12	16.25
Thames Lodge, No. 22	5.00
Phenix Lodge, No. 52	5.00
Mohegan Lodge, No. 55	10.00
Pequot Lodge, No. 85	10.00
Relief Lodge, No. 86	10.00
Crystal Lodge, No. 88	10.00
Townsend Lodge, No. 89	10.00
Oronoque Lodge, No. 90	5.00
Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1	5.30
New Haven Rebekah Lodge, No. 3	5.00
Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4	10.00
Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 6	10.00
Lady Fenwick Rebekah Lodge, No. 10	5.00
Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 15	5.00
Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18	15.00
Osprey Rebekah Lodge, No. 20	5.00
Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21	5.00
Evening Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 22	5.00

Ruthie Rebekah Lodge, No. 28	$ 3.00
Aquilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 29	5.00
Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 39	5.00
Magnolia Rebekah Lodge, No. 41	3.00
Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 42	5.00
Welcome Rebekah Lodge, No. 47	5.00
Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 50	5.00
Mary Rebekah Lodge, No. 51	5.00
Frank E. Green, P.G., Uncas Lodge, No. 11	5.00
Donation direct to Treasurer	5.00
	$217.55

Received during the year the following articles for the Home and the residents, and cash to be divided among the residents:

Hartford Lodge, No. 82, barrel of flour.

Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, barrel of granulated sugar.

Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 37, one bed quilt.

Van Dyck & Co., of New Haven, 500 applications for admission to the Home blanks.

P.G. A. G. Breckenridge, of Phenix Lodge, No. 52, package of reading matter.

Algot Johnson, Third Vice-President of the Home Corporation, box of cigars.

Isabella Rebekah Lodge, No. 23, articles to the value of $5.00.

James A. Davy, of Niantic Lodge, No. 17, reading matter.

P.G. W. F. Buckley, Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, box of cigars.

George L. Thayer, S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, reading matter.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, 12 sheets, 12 pillow slips, 3 bed spreads.

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, 25 cents to each resident.

Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, 6 Turkish towels.

Mrs. Frank R. Fisher and Mrs. Dwight B. Snow, 12 hand towels.

P.G.M. G. U. Kierstead, American flag for large flag pole.

Ockford Club, of Bridgeport, barber chair.

Charles Hammell, of Fairview Lodge, No. 101, reading matter.

C. E. Caulkins, N.G., S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, box of cigars.

Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, $5.00 to be divided among the residents.

Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, 4 boxes books.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, their entire library (10 boxes of books).

P.G.M. F. C. Burrows, reading matter.

Samuel C. Stevens, resident of the Home, building of barber shop cabinet (an expert piece of work).

Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, yearly subscription to magazines.

Pequot Lodge, No. 85, Reading Room Society, papers and magazines. Christmas gifts;

Crystal Rebekah Lodge, No. 25, 1 bed quilt, 2 night robes, 1 kimona, 1 box toilet soap, 1 box candy, 2 boxes paper and envelopes, 4 towels, 5 face cloths, 2 cakes of soap, 2 spools of thread, 1 book.

Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, $1.00 for each resident.

Katherine P.N.G. Association, 46 handkerchiefs, 4 aprons, 7 undershirts, 1 pair of drawers, 1 lot of magazines.

Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, 4 boxes reading matter.

Freundschaft Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, 25 cents for each resident.

On New Year's Day, 1915, the Rebekah State Assembly Home Committee presented each brother resident of the Home 1 wool sweater, 1 pair of trousers, 1 pair of suspenders, box of candy, 1 new dollar bill, and to each female resident of the Home, 1 silk waist, 1 kimona, 1 white apron, box of candy, 1 new dollar bill.

Following is a statement of the sum which has been received from each Lodge during the year, and is included in the statement of board of residents, Home tax, medical attendance, special nursing and donations:

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1	$177.70
Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2	197.10
Middlesex Lodge, No. 3	18.75
Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4	377.25
Harmony Lodge, No. 5	187.40
Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6	104.40
Samaritan Lodge, No. 7	98.70
Empire Lodge, No. 8	33.15
L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9	29.40
Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10	369.25
Uncas Lodge, No. 11	242.75
Central Lodge, No. 12	233.10
Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13	75.00
Wopowage Lodge, No. 14	38.55
Montewese Lodge, No. 15	40.20
Obwebetuck Lodge, No. 16	45.15
Niantic Lodge, No. 17	158.35
Progressive Lodge, No. 18	122.55
Protection Lodge, No. 19	33.00
Fenwick Lodge, No. 20	36.00
Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21	265.80
Thames Lodge, No. 22	44.45
Palisado Lodge, No. 23	38.40
Rippowam Lodge, No. 24	132.15
Crescent Lodge, No. 25	88.95
Stonington Lodge, No. 26	97.35
Shetucket Lodge, No. 27	335.35
Hancock Lodge, No. 28	148.70

Reliance Lodge, No. 29	$ 22.35
Clifton Lodge, No. 30	173.70
King David Lodge, No. 31	126.45
Wauseon Lodge, No. 32	18.75
Israel Putnam Lodge, No. 33	71.55
Quinebaug Lodge, No. 34	25.95
Portland Lodge, No. 35	28.80
City Lodge, No. 36	880.85
Wooster Lodge, No. 37	66.00
Monitor Lodge, No. 38	80.85
Croswell Lodge, No. 39	51.45
Svea Lodge, No. 40	61.80
Arcanum Lodge, No. 41	283.25
Franklin Lodge, No. 42	48.60
Puritan Lodge, No. 43	125.70
Scandia Lodge, No. 44	32.40
Summit Lodge, No. 45	159.90
Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46	36.30
Andree Lodge, No. 47	119.85
Pequabock Lodge, No. 48	166.80
Rising Star Lodge, No. 49	40.20
Canaan Lodge, No. 50	22.95
Ridgely Lodge, No. 51	132.15
Phenix Lodge, No. 52	208.85
Elm Lodge, No. 53	35.25
Bell Lodge, No. 54	26.25
Mohegan Lodge, No. 55	225.10
Friendship Lodge, No. 56	49.05
Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59	124.50
Menuncatuck Lodge, No. 62	50.85
Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63	191.80
Eclectic Lodge, No. 64	36.60
Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65	56.25
John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67	143.70
Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68	160.70
Accanant Lodge, No. 71	124.75
Lexington Lodge, No. 72	98.10
Mechanics Lodge, No. 73	102.60
Sequassen Lodge, No. 74	32.70
Eureka Lodge, No. 75	63.90
Polar Star Lodge, No. 77	57.75
Germania Lodge, No. 78	75.75
Goethe Lodge, No. 79	5.10
Adelphian Lodge, No. 80	124.50
Webb Lodge, No. 81	48.00
Hartford Lodge, No. 82	137.60
Steuben Lodge, No. 83	41.25

Seaside Lodge, No. 84	$ 17.55
Pequot Lodge, No. 85	248.50
Relief Lodge, No. 86	128.05
Pacific Lodge, No. 87	33.00
Crystal Lodge, No. 88	40.60
Townsend Lodge, No. 89	244.60
Oronoque Lodge, No. 90	192.85
Humboldt Lodge, No. 91	215.35
Schiller Lodge, No. 92	22.05
Connecticut Lodge, No. 93	88.95
Lessing Lodge, No. 94	46.35
Teutonia Lodge, No. 95	24.75
Gerstaecker Lodge, No. 96	45.60
Butler Lodge, No. 97	231.05
Beethoven Lodge, No. 98	30.75
Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99	380.55
Centennial Lodge, No. 100	83.55
Fairview Lodge, No. 101	93.90
Rebekah Lodges	106.30
F. E. Green	5.00
Sales	103.20
Miscellaneous	2.90
Direct to Treasurer	5.00
Total	$11,156.80

Fraternally submitted,

WALLACE R. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Treasurer herewith respectfully submits his annual report of the financial transactions of the Corporation for the year ending February 28, 1915:

General Fund.

Dr.

March 1, 1914, total funds on hand	$46,742.72	
Received from Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary	11,156.80	
Received interest, savings bank and mortgages	2,433.02	
	$60,332.54	

Cr.

Paid on President's orders	$13,109.78	
February 28, 1915, balance on hand		$47,222.76

Orphanage Fund.

March 1, 1914, cash on hand	$1,596.02	
Interest credited by bank	69.46	
February 28, 1915, balance on hand		1,665.48

Library Fund.

March 1, 1914, cash on hand	$585.05	
Interest credited by bank	23.62	
February 28, 1915, balance on hand		608.67
Total funds		$49,496.91

Assets.

Deposits withdrawable only on order of the President, Secretary and Treasurer jointly in:

Dime Savings Bank, Hartford	$ 608.67
Dime Savings Bank, Waterbury	284.68
Farmington Savings Bank, Farmington	1,665.48
Riverside Trust Co., Hartford	2,838.08
First Mortgages:	
Hopmann loan	7,500.00
Brenner loan	5,500.00
C. A. Smith loan	5,500.00
Bingham loan	1,800.00
E. L. Smith loan	800.00
Wooley loan	8,000.00
Scoville loan	15,000.00
	$49,496.91

Fraternally submitted,

CLARKSON N. FOWLER,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Finance Committee respectfully submit the following report:

General Fund.

Receipts.

Board of residents	$3,243.00
Home tax	7,141.65
Donations	217.55
Sales	103.20
Medical care and nursing	161.50
Special nursing of residents	287.00
Miscellaneous	2.90
Interest from banks and mortgages	2,433.02
	$13,589.82
Balance on hand March 1, 1914	46,742.72
Total	$60,332.54

Expenses.

Permanent improvements	$1,960.59
Provisions and home expense	3,588.08
Farm expense	1,894.42
Coal	597.49
Physician, nursing and drugs	874.90
Superintendent's salary	540.00
Matron's salary	540.00
Employees, house	927.75
Employees, farm	607.75
Laundry	507.51
Electric lights	253.91
Insurance	222.48
Management	57.49
Barber	176.30

Freight and ferry	$ 68.65
Typewriting, printing and stationery	73.38
Tobacco	75.51
Bond, Secretary and Treasurer	33.00
Telephone	25.79
Ice	71.93
Post-office box rent	2.85
Flowers, funeral L. deLeeuw, P.G.M., P.P.	10.00
Total	$13,109.78
Balance in banks March 1, 1915	3,122.76
First mortgages	44,100.00
	$60,332.54

ORPHANAGE FUND.

Interest from bank	$ 69.46
Balance on hand March 1, 1914	1,596.02
Total	$1,665.48
Balance on hand March 1, 1915	$1,665.48

LIBRARY FUND.

Interest from bank	$ 23.62
Balance on hand March 1, 1914	585.05
Total	$608.67
Balance on hand March 1, 1915	$608.67

We have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, all bills, vouchers, and mortgage deeds, and find them correct. The semi-annual audit was made September 11, 1914.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON,
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the I. O. O. F. Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—For your consideration we submit the following as the transactions of this committee for the past year:

Table Supplies.

½ bushel apples	$ .75
313 pounds beans	13.54
430 loaves bread	37.69
Doughnuts, crullers and cake	5.61
154 pounds baking powder	29.61
Barley	.10
839 pounds butter	258.50
54 pounds cornstarch	3.70
560 pounds coffee	103.96
5 pounds cocoa	1.54
11 pounds chocolate	2.32
340 cans salmon	38.57
238 cans tomatoes	14.68
169 cans peaches	19.33
75 cans corn	6.75
107 cans string beans	7.61
69 cans peas	4.78
31 cans pumpkin	2.95
47 cans pineapple	3.43
19 cans chicken	5.21
447 pounds crackers	35.28
595 pounds rolled oats	19.68
279 packages cereals	20.45
117 packages cream wheat	14.56
234 pounds cheese	42.53
232 pounds prunes	22.56
200 pounds apricots	20.00
100 pounds dried apples	10.15
Citron, currants and peels	.75
50 pounds dried peaches	3.06

Extracts	$ 2.35
26 dozen eggs	9.40
51 barrels flour	151.51
1131 pounds fresh fish	169.86
108 pounds salt fish	13.49
34 dozen lemons	5.30
13 quarts berries	2.00
82 dozen oranges	24.79
Pineapples	1.00
Grapes	6.94
4 bushels cranberries	8.50
46 dozen bananas	9.03
3 baskets peaches	3.50
8 pounds nuts	.98
364 packages jelly powder	23.81
567 pounds lard	68.19
4570 pounds meat	787.41
404 cans meat	113.49
18 cans milk	1.70
205 pounds meal	4.70
Melons	.95
47 pounds mince meat	4.65
20 pounds macaroni	2.00
15 gallons molasses	6.19
Pickles, catsup, mustards, etc	32.95
107 pounds raisins	7.22
280 pounds rice	8.56
420 pounds salt	2.70
165 pounds tea	35.40
60 pounds tapioca	2.12
17 gallons vinegar	3.65
7 barrels sweet potatoes	17.25
Small garden truck	17.93
3 barrels new potatoes	17.72
45 bushels potatoes	30.60
Yeast	1.99
3808 pounds sugar	164.22
	$2,513.70

From the Farm.

540 pounds veal	$ 75.60
980 pounds beef	137.20
730 pounds pork, fresh	109.50
220 pounds lard	33.00
9268 eggs	260.93
493 pounds butter	149.95

9389 quarts milk	$462.38	
75 pounds chicken	22.50	
450 cabbages	36.00	
From the garden	202.50	
8 bushels pears	6.00	
20 bushels turnips	12.00	
35 bushels potatoes	31.75	
10 barrels apples	25.00	
		1,467.81
Total table expense		$3,981.51

Supplies on hand, $396.47. Supplies from farm, $95.25.

Household Supplies.

Beds and bedding	$ 38.30	
65 yards carpet	20.50	
9 pairs pillows	26.67	
24 yards oil cloth	10.12	
11 rugs	21.25	
132 yards matting	36.75	
28 shades	14.05	
Curtain rods	.20	
50 pounds paper	2.00	
Laying carpet	6.25	
180 napkins	26.25	
48 pillow slips	10.00	
27 pairs blankets	66.00	
112 yards table linen	50.40	
180 yards toweling	16.20	
1 barrel dust killer	5.14	
Drawer-pulls	.50	
Paints, oil and varnish	15.06	
Chair seats and covers	4.25	
8 brushes	3.62	
15 screens	7.59	
New radiator, pipe and connections	17.32	
New tea cans, jars and scoops	16.55	
5 papers tacks	.32	
90 tissue	3.16	
3 dozen brooms	9.00	
		$424.29

Unused supplies on hand, $10.82.

Kitchen Supplies.

4 dozen rubbers	$ .40	
12 pans	2.40	

Dippers	$ 1.25	
Knives	2.40	
Brushes	3.27	
Kettles	2.50	
Dust pans	1.30	
Coffee pots	1.80	
Tea pots	2.25	
Cups and funnels	.48	
Polish	.60	
Smoke hood for range	28.00	
Pipe and damper	2.10	
Tacks	.20	
Food chopper	1.05	
Meat saw	1.70	
Fire brick and clay	2.65	
Egg beaters	.80	
New sink and connections	19.36	
Cake cutter	.95	
Pans	3.14	
Knives	.50	
New crockery	54.80	
11 gross matches	5.19	
Fly-paper and killers	3.76	
806 cakes soap	23.65	
95 washing powder	12.85	
Bon ami	.25	
6 ammonia	1.10	
Blueing	.20	
		$180.90

Supplies for the Farm.

19 trees	$ 5.40
225 pounds grass seed	35.65
Garden and flower seed	22.53
11 bushels seed potatoes	12.00
200 flower pots	3.04
17,115 pounds salt hay	102.69
Tools and implements	46.59
Blasting powder	1.37
3700 pounds fertilizer	54.30
1 stone drag	5.00
1 pair nippers	2.15
14,157 pounds hay	150.42
379 bags oats, feed and grain	607.85
770 pounds chicken feed	18.43
Bag shells	.75

Shoeing horses	$ 43.65	
4 head of stock	275.00	
		$1,385.73

Supplies on hand, $100.00.

Special Supply List.

Barber's bill	$176.30	
Drugs and medicine	320.26	
Electric lights	255.81	
57,540 pounds ice	71.93	
Post-office box rent	2.85	
424 pounds tobacco	105.56	
Telephone	22.89	
Veterinarian and medicine	48.25	
217,825 pounds coal	675.49	
51 gallons kerosene	4.00	
234 gallons gasoline	36.10	
		$1,719.44

Supplies on hand, $234.00.

Repairs.

Water service	$ 90.58	
Wagons	57.25	
New harness and repairs on old	52.75	
		$200.58

Products of the Farm.

150 early cabbages	$15.00
200 bunches radishes	6.00
20 bushels Swiss chard	20.00
25 dozen summer squash	7.50
12 bushels tomatoes	10.00
4 bushels early onions	5.00
10 bushels peas	15.00
75 cauliflower	15.00
50 heads lettuce	2.50
21 bushels string beans	26.25
20 dozen cucumbers	5.00
8 bushels beets	4.80
75 dozen sweet corn	15.00
15 bushels lima beans	22.50
15 bushels strawberries	45.00
Asparagus	3.00
6 tons hay	132.00
40 barrels apples	90.00

8 bushels pears	$ 6.00	
520 bushels corn	286.00	
30 bushels rye	30.00	
3 tons straw	60.00	
55 bushels turnips	33.00	
80 bushels potatoes	40.00	
400 winter cabbages	28.00	
30 bushels late onions	30.00	
18 tons fodder corn	216.00	
4 tons green fodder	60.00	
250 bushels mangles	125.00	
540 pounds veal	76.60	
980 pounds beef	137.20	
9268 eggs	260.93	
493 pounds butter	149.95	
9389 quarts milk	462.38	
75 pounds chicken	22.50	
1900 pounds fresh pork	266.00	
		$2,729.11

On hand, $442.00.

Recapitulation.

Table supplies	$3,981.51	
Household supplies	424.29	
Kitchen supplies	180.90	
Farm supplies	1,385.73	
Special list	1,719.44	
Repairs	200.58	
Committee expense	36.86	
Total		$7,929.31

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
CHARLES A. REED,
H. PATZOLD,
Committee on Supplies.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the I. O. O. F. Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Property Committee herewith respectfully submits its annual report.

The property of the Home has been permanently improved further during the past year. While no large undertaking has been put through, the things that have been done have been important and substantial improvements. The brick piers and wooden posts in the cellar of the main house have been replaced by large iron columns, and the cellar has been graded and concreted. In the west end a storeroom large enough for all the supplies that are needed for the Home has been built, and the hot air engine in the east end of the cellar used for pumping water from the well has been raised to the level of the cellar bottom. New stairs have been put in from the cellar to the first floor.

A cement walk has been laid from the milk house to the cottage and the green house, and a cement wall has been put in on the east side of the driveway east of the buildings. For the purpose of this wall a trench was dug down to hard-pan, the wall being built from that base to about a foot above the driveway. To stop the water from getting into the dormitory cellar a drain pipe was laid back of the wall just mentioned, the pipe being covered with broken stone to a depth of about five inches and then with earth to the surface of the ground. This drain pipe runs from the milk house to the south end of the driveway, where a large hole was dug and then filled with stone. Your committee is confident that this will take care of the water that has been an annoyance heretofore.

A cement walk has been laid from the south end of the driveway to the steps of the south veranda of the dormitory; the shed on the east side of the horse barn has been shingled and the inside of the spring house sheathed. The roadway to the house has been improved through the application of many loads of cinders and ashes; new gutters and drains have been laid; and new fixtures put in the toilet, and a new cistern pump in the annex.

We have put in about seventy rods of Pittsburg wire fence, about twenty-five rods of double-faced stone wall, and about twelve rods of fencing, part of stone and part of wire. In building the stone fences a trench four feet wide and two to three feet deep was dug; this trench was filled with stone to the level of the ground and the wall built on top of the foundation thus made. In this way the loam has been saved for use wherever needed, and a large quantity of stone cleared from the land and used in the walls and foundations. The usual number of minor repairs required for the proper maintenance of the property have been attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP POND,
CHARLES E. GATES,
SELAH G. BLAKEMAN,
Property Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE.

New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1915.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Committee on Printing would most respectfully report that they have endeavored to perform their duties as said committee to their best ability, and to the best advantage of the Corporation.

We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Grand Secretary William S. Hutchison for the valuable assistance which he has rendered to this committee and the Corporation in the matter of printing, and also to Van Dyck & Co., of New Haven, Conn., for their generous printing of 500 blanks of "Application for Admission to the Home" free of cost.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE R. JOHNSON,
THEODORE KASSENBROOK,
FRANK M. CANFIELD,
Committee on Printing.

Credential Committee reported as having received the credentials and proxies of 81 Associate Corporators as follows: Quinnipiac, No. 1, B. B. Macfarland; Pequonnock, No. 4, T. Fosyth; Harmony, No. 5, Harry R. Smith; Ousatonic, No. 6, Theodore Perry; Samaritan, No. 7, W. C. Gilbert; Empire, No. 8, E. M. Gale (proxie); L. A. Thomas, No. 9, W. D. Peters; Our Brothers, No. 10, C. E. Kellogg; Uncas, No. 11, Frank E. Green; Central, No. 12, H. C. F. Howell; Tycho Brahe, No. 13, Peter Jefsen; Wopowage, No. 14, W. S. Putney; Montewese, No. 15, Richard W. Kirck; Obwebetuck, No. 16, C. M. Thompson; Niantic, No. 17, Charles Dicknich; Progressive, No. 18, W. C. Merson; Fenwick, No. 20, H. D. Robinson; Nosahogan, No. 21, F. C. Fromon; Thames, No. 22, Fred Dervin (proxie); Rippowam, No. 24, Ezra L. Hay; Stonington, No. 26, G. D. Johnson; Shetucket, No. 27, F. G. Smith; Hancock, No. 28, E. L. Stevens; Reliance, No. 29, J. P. Gorman; Clifton, No. 30, C. B. Moore; King David, No. 31, C. R. Hathaway; Wauseon, No. 32, E. E. Snow; Israel Putnam, No. 33, Walter Turner; Quinnebaug, No. 34, C. P. Brown; Portland, No. 35, G. T. Loyd; City, No. 36, W. H. Huntley (proxie); Wooster, No. 37, H. L. Scrofield; Monitor, No. 38, O. L. Johnson; Croswell, No. 39, F. W. Watrous; Svea, No. 40, Elof Lundblad; Arcanum, No. 41, G. E. Mills; Puritan, No. 43, W. F. Joyce; Scandia, No. 44, Adolf Y. Berg; Summit, No. 45, Joseph Spencer; Pilgrim, No. 46, E. Walker; Andree, No. 47, Algot Johnson; Pequabock, No. 48, C. B. Ives; Rising Star, No. 49, Raymond Hunt; Ridgely, No. 51, W. Harrison; Phenix, No. 52, A. G. Breckenridge; Elm, No. 53, A. E. Bidwell; Mohegan, No. 55, C. L. Maxson; Friendship, No. 56, C. J. Fowler; Stephen Terry, No. 59, H. Y. Tuttle; Naugatuck, No. 63, J. L. Barrett; Eclectic, No. 64, G. F. Bailey; Good Shepherd, No. 65, C. D. Pulver; John Ericsson, No. 67, J. A. Akerlind; Meriden, No. 68, E. A. Birdsey; Lexington, No. 72, George Osborn; Mechanics, No. 73, H. S. Halligan; Sequassen, No. 74, E. D. Warfield; Eureka, No. 75, Frank Reinhart; Polar Star, No. 77, W. E. Jacobs; Germania, No. 78, F. J. Boese; Adelphian, No. 80, J. M. Chaffee; Webb, No. 81, E. B. Pratt; Hartford, No. 82, H. D. Hotchkiss; Steuben, No. 83, Richard Brandt; Seaside, No. 84, E. L. Keyes; Pequot, No. 85, B. H. Dunbar; Relief, No. 86, F. Henry Monroe; Pacific, No. 87, L. C. Brown; Crystal, No. 88, C. L. Clark; Townsend, No. 89, F. K. Woolworth; Oronoque, No. 90, W. F. Williamson; Humboldt, No. 91, Conrad Rabanus; Schiller, No. 92, Christ Kuehneman; Connecticut, No. 93, F. W. Whiton; Lessing, No. 94, Charles Sachs; Teutonia, No. 95, Hugo L. Patzold; Gerstaecker, No. 96, George Schlag; Butler, No. 97, William Podmore; Beethoven, No. 98, Theodore Kassenbrook; S. H. Harris, No. 99, D. R. Whitney; Centennial, No. 100, W. A. Teitley; Fairview, No. 101, B. O. Fowler.

Upon motion the report of Committee on Credentials was accepted with the thanks of the Corporation.

The following Resolution from Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, was read and submitted to the Corporation for action:

NORWICH, CONN., January 28, 1915.

To the Board of Managers of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut:

Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, beg leave to present the following resolution to be acted on at the next annual meeting of the Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut:

At the annual meeting of Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., held Tuesday evening, January 26, 1915, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Corporator was instructed to present it to the meeting of the Board of Corporators at the meeting in March, 1915:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Lodge, the aims and objects of our Order would be better attained if the expense of the I. O. O. F. Home were equally divided upon the entire membership of the State, and not borne by the Lodges who have brother residents of the Home. All the homes in the United States, with a few exceptions, are supported by an equal assessment upon all the members; therefore be it

Resolved, That Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, hereby presents this resolution to the Board of Corporators, and recommends that an assessment of *one cent a week* be laid upon the entire membership of the State each year for the support of the Home, to be collected in addition to the regular dues and that the Home tax of 15 cents and the Board of residents be done away with, and thus put our Home on the same basis as other Homes of the same kind, and that the By-Laws of the Home be amended to conform with this resolution.

(Signed) SHETUCKET LODGE, No. 27, I. O. O. F.

Attest: LOUIS MABREY, P.G., *Secretary.*

(Seal of Shetucket Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F.)

After some discussion it was voted the matter be not adopted.

The following Resolution as offered by Richard W. Johns, Associate Corporator of Pequot Lodge, No. 85, Frederick C. Burrows, P.G.M., and Frank E. Green, member of the Board of Managers, was read and adopted:

NEW LONDON, CONN., February 5, 1915.

To the Board of Managers of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut:

We, the undersigned, beg leave to present the following resolution to be acted on at the next annual meeting of the Incorporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut:

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article VI of the Home By-Laws shall be amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 3. He shall receive all moneys due the Home and pay the same to the Treasurer on the last business day of each month. He shall make out all orders for moneys,

to be drawn on the Treasurer for bills approved by the several committees. He shall render a report of the money received, to the Corporators at their annual meeting, and a copy of said report shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge, and for his services as said Secretary he shall receive from the funds of this Corporation the sum of One Hundred and Fifty ($150.00) Dollars per annum.

RICHARD W. JOHNS, Associate Corporator Pequot Lodge, No. 85.
FREDERIC C. BURROWS, P.G.M.,
FRANK E. GREEN, Member of the Board of Managers.

Upon motion of Chairman William S. Hutchison, P.G.M., of the Finance Committee, it was voted that the Corporation recommend to the Grand Lodge the levying of a semi-annual per capitia tax of 15 cents for the support and maintenance of the Home.

Upon motion the Corporation proceeded to the election of officers with the following result: President, Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P.; First Vice-President, Frederic C. Burrows, P.G.M.; Second Vice-President, Theodore Kassenbrook; Third Vice-President, Algot Johnson; Secretary, Wallace R. Johnson; Treasurer, Clarkson N. Fowler; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith. Vice-President Upson, upon motion, appointed the following committee to retire and nominate a Board of Managers and members of the Rebekah Auxiliary: A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52; L. C. Brown, No. 87; C. D. Pulver, No. 65, who presented the names of W. S. Hutchinson, P.G.M.; Philip Pond, P.G.M.; Charles E. Gates, No. 17; H. J. Hirsch, No. 85; H. C. F. Howell, No. 12; G. U. Kierstead, P.G.M., No. 2; F. M. Canfield, P.G.P., No. 4; Hugo L. Patzold, No. 95; F. K. Woolworth, No. 21; Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., No. 6; F. Henry Monroe, No. 86; E. B. Worthington, No. 11, and the Grand Master as ex-officio member, as members of the Board of Managers, and W. H. Marigold, P.G.M., No. 4; Henry C. Stevenson, G. M., No. 4; Marion R. Davis, No. 17; Fred J. Boese, No. 78, and A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52, as members of the Rebekah Auxiliary. Upon motion it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the nominees as nominated by the Nominating Committee, after which they were declared duly elected.

Upon motion of Grand Chaplain Smith it was voted that the Secretary extend to our absent President, Brother Reynolds, the sympathy of the Corporation for him in his illness and our sincere pleasure in the knowledge that he is on the road to what we hope will be a speedy and permanent recovery.

Theodore Perry of Ousatonic, No. 6, who had been appointed a committee to see that the portraits of Past Grand Masters and others hanging on the walls of the Home had suitable name plates on them, reported that he had attended to that duty at a cost of $15.00, which he wished to have the privilege of donating to the Corporation. Upon motion it was voted that the report of Brother Perry be accepted and

that the thanks of this Corporation be and hereby is extended to Brother Perry for his generosity.

Vice-President Upson instructed the Secretary to extend to the New Haven Odd Fellows Hall Association the thanks of the Corporation for the use of the hall in which was held this annual meeting of the Corporation.

There being no further business before the Corporation the meeting closed by singing the closing ode, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith.

Attest,

WALLACE R. JOHNSON,

Secretary.

LIFE CORPORATORS OF THE I. O. O. F. HOME.

Eben J. Hill, P.G.M., No. 10, Norwalk—Original 1893.

Lucius P. Deming, P.G.M., No. 86, New Haven—Original 1893.

William H. Comley, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—Original 1893.

Charles B. Ware, P.G.M., No. 55, Hartford—Original 1893.

William H. Marigold, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—Original 1893.

H. J. Hirsch, No. 85, New London—Original 1893.

Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., No. 33, Putnam—Original 1893.

David R. Alling, P.G.M., No. 1, New Haven—Original 1893.

J. H. Hart, No. 21, Waterbury—Elected May 18, 1897, to fill vacancy.

Arthur C. Wheeler, P.G.P., No. 10, Norwalk—Elected May 16, 1899, to fill vacancy.

Z. R. Robbins, P.G.M., No. 27, Norwich—Elected May 16, 1899, to fill vacancy.

L. H. Holloway, No. 101, Groton—Elected May 16, 1900, to fill vacancy.

Horace H. Jackson, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—1900.

Clarkson N. Fowler, No. 82, Hartford—Elected May 14, 1901, to fill vacancy.

Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—Elected May 14, 1901, to fill vacancy.

Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., No. 6, Shelton—1901.

William S. Hutchison, P.G.M., No. 31, New Haven—1902.

James A. Carpenter, P.G.M., No. 51, Torrington—1903.

Wallace R. Johnson, No. 85, New London—Elected May 19, 1903.

Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., No. 75, Southington—1904.

Charles E. Gates, No. 17, Niantic—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1904.

Frank J. King, P.G.P., No. 27, Norwich—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1904.

Charles J. Anderson, No. 67, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1905.

Joel L. Hungerford, P.G.P., No. 1, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1905.

Fred J. Boese, No. 78, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1905.

Sidney W. Challenger, P.G.M., No. 99, Bridgeport—1906.

Charles Planz, No. 65, New Milford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1906.

Thomas R. Taylor, P.G.P., No. 89, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, 1906.

Walter W. Radcliffe, No. 6, Derby—Elected by vote of Corporators, 1906.

Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., No. 4, Bridgeport—Elected by vote of Corporators, 1906.

Frank A. Hefflon, No. 81, Deep River—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1906.

Theodore Kassenbrook, No. 98, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1907.

Marion R. Davis, No. 17, Niantic—Elected to fill vacancy March 20, 1907.

B. L. Coe, No. 89, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, March 20, 1907.

Philip Pond, P.G.M., No. 5, New Haven—1907.

Frank W. Porter, No. 53, Glastonbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1907.

Elmer G. Hurlbut, P.G.M., New Britain—1908.

Fred G. Hawley, No. 18, Danbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1908.

William H. Good, No. 86, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

John B. Clemmons, No. 5, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

Henry L. Eckhard, No. 24, Stamford—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Walter Pond, P.G.P., No. 5, New Haven—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Edward W. Hooker, No. 2, Hartford—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Edward B. Worthington, No. 11, Norwich—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

A. B. Gardner, No. 14, Milford—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Henry Meyer, No. 83, Bridgeport—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., No. 2, Hartford—1909.

Albert H. Firmin, No. 85, New London—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

John Owen, No. 29, Jewett City—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Arthur H. Swift, No. 14, Milford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

William E. Thoms, P.G.M., No. 21, Waterbury—1910.

Nathan C. Hoy, No. 7, Danbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Arthur H. Down, No. 39, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Herbert J. Phillips, No. 21, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, 1911.

W. H. Talmadge, No. 5, New Haven—Elected to fill vacancy, 1911.

Joseph H. Hawley, P.G.M., No. 18, Danbury—1911.

Charles Gray, No. 101—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1911.

Arthur F. Woodford, P.G.M., No. 21, Bristol, 1912.

A. T. Dickinson, No. 49—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1912.

Frank M. Canfield, No. 4—Elected to fill vacancy, 1912.

Dan D. Home, No. 22—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

D. Burr Beach, No. 97—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

J. P. Southworth, No. 20—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

Charles E. Beebe, No. 17—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

F. C. Burrows, P.G.M., No. 85, New London—1913.

Samuel Prince, P.G.P., No. 55—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

John B. Norton, No. 81—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

James A. Matthews, No. 48—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

A. L. Roberts, No. 59—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Lincoln D. Hill—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Charles H. Mills—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

LODGES HAVING MEMBERS AT THE HOME.

	Number Since Organization.	Number at Present.
Quinnipiac	4	1
Charter Oak	4	—
Pequonnock	9	3
Harmony	7	1
Ousatonic	2	—
Samaritan	3	—
Our Brothers	9	2
Uncas	4	2
Wopowage	2	—
Montewese	2	—
Niantic	2	1
Fenwick	1	—
Nosahogan	2	—
Rippowam	2	—
Shetucket	7	4
Hancock	3	1
City	10	4
Arcanum	2	1
Summit	2	—
Pequabock	3	1
Phenix	4	1
Mohegan	5	1
Germania	2	—
Connecticut	1	—
Clifton	1	1
Meriden Center	1	1
Accanant	1	1
Naugatuck	4	2
Eureka	1	—
Polar Star	2	—
Webb	1	—
Hartford	3	—
Pequot	7	1
Relief	1	—
Pacific	1	—
Oronoque	2	1
Humboldt	2	1
Lessing	1	—
Butler	6	1
Beethoven	1	—
Samuel H. Harris	9	2
Central	1	1

Charity Rebekah	1	—
Winona Rebekah	1	—
Miriam Rebekah	1	—
Grand Lodge, Conn.	1	—
Fast Grand Masters' a|c	1	—
Fairview	1	—
Townsend	1	—
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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
1	J. A. Cloyes,	Phenix,	Dec. 1, 1892	Oct. 16, 1895
2	W. M. Edmonds,	Nosahogan,	Dec 9, 1892	Mar. 1, 1895
			June 20, 1896	Nov. 29, 1896
3	Charles Bowers,	Phenix,	Dec. 9, 1892	Dec. 18, 1895
4	Geo. W. Schofield,	S. H. Harris,	Dec. 9, 1892	Sept. 24, 1898
5	John Morgan,	Wopowage,	Dec. 10, 1892	Feb. 5, 1895*
6	H. R. Moore,	Samaritan,	Dec. 10, 1892	Sept. 16, 1894
7	Thomas B. Dixon,	Webb,	June 29, 1893	Sept. 5, 1893
			June 1, 1895	Dec. 5, 1895
8	Daniel Monroe,	Polar Star,	Aug. 10, 1893	Never arrived.
9	Robert Bonner,	Montewese	Aug. 29, 1893	Mar. 16, 1903*
10	John Royal,	Naugatuck,	Oct. 4, 1893	Nov. 18, 1893
11	Mrs. James B. Gilman,	P. G. Masters,	Nov. 7, 1893	May 12, 1894
12	Lewis Gunn,	Harmony,	Nov. 18, 1893	Aug. 11, 1905*
13	John Hoskins,	Niantic,	Nov. 20, 1893	Oct. 7, 1896*
14	S. M. Versoy,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 11. 1893	Sept. 6, 1898
15	Mrs. S. M. Versoy,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 11, 1893	Sept. 6, 1898
16	Frank L. Bigelow,	Hartford,	Dec. 20, 1893	Apr. 27, 1908*
17	D. R. Cook,	Ousatonic,	Apr. 15. 1894	Feb. 14, 1902*
18	John DeForest,	Quinnipiac,	May 5, 1894	Feb. 25, 1895*
19	Edward Potter,	Pequonnock,	Aug. 22, 1894	Aug. 10, 1900*
20	Albert Karl,	S. H. Harris,	Oct. 16, 1894	May 17, 1895
			June 12, 1896	June 27, 1900*
21	Samuel T. Huntoon,	Mohegan,	Feb. 15, 1895	May 17, 1895
22	James Halpin,	Rippowam,	Apr. 1, 1895	June 18, 1908*
23	Melville Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 9, 1895	July 1, 1897
24	Rev. D. G. Ashley,	Grand Lodge,	Nov. 9, 1895	Oct. 18, 1896
25	Chauncey Steele,	Naugatuck,	Aug. 4, 1896	Nov. 5, 1898
26	Edgar B. Hoyt,	Butler,	Nov. 30, 1896	May 22, 1902*
27	James H. Burnett,	Fenwick,	July 15, 1897	Sept. 7, 1899*
28	Lewis Garrigus,	Nosahogan,	July, 16, 1898	Oct. 4, 1898
29	Charles Immich,	Pequot,	Aug. 15, 1898	Dec. 2, 1900*
30	Wm. Miller,	S. H. Harris,	Sept. 8, 1898	Mar. 13, 1904*
31	Samuel A. Cooley,	Charter Oak,	Jan. 1, 1900	May 15, 1900*
32	Allen L. Moore,	Shetucket,	Jan. 17, 1900	Sept. 2, 1908
33	Sylvester R. Tripp,	Butler,	Jan. 24, 1900	Apr. 24, 1900
			Nov. 16, 1900	Mar. 16, 1901
			Dec. 1, 1903	Mar. 2, 1907*
34	William A. Wellmann,	Quinnipiac,	June 18, 1900	June 14, 1910*
35	Henry F. Parker,	Pequonnock,	July 5, 1900	Aug. 31, 1902*
36	John Hill,	Pequot,	Sept. 23, 1900	Apr. 17, 1904*
37	George H. Dupee,	Harmony,	Nov. 6, 1900	Apr. 2, 1902
			Aug. 14, 1903	Mar. 20, 1905
38	William A. Ticknor,	Mohegan,	June 3, 1901	Sept. 28, 1901
39	Frank St. John,	Butler,	Oct. 10, 1901	Mar. 11, 1910*
40	Ephraim Curtis,	Wopowage,	Oct. 17, 1901	Apr. 5, 1902
41	Richard H. Jenney,	Mohegan,	Oct. 19, 1901	Sept. 27, 1902*
42	John Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 27, 1901	Feb. 25, 1912*
43	Mrs. John Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 27, 1901	Feb. 27, 1903*
44	William O. Higgins,	Polar Star,	Jan. 20, 1902	Sept. 3, 1903*
45	James J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Nov. 28, 1902	Jan. 16, 1908*
46	James A. Thompson,	S. H. Harris,	Apr. 16, 1903	Jan. 8, 1910*

* Died at the Home.

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
47	Wm. F. Woodward,	Shetucket,	Aug. 11, 1903	
48	Daniel S. Peckham,	Uncas,	Aug. 17, 1903	Mar. 4, 1908*
49	George W. Denison,	Shetucket,	Sept. 18, 1903	July 14, 1908*
50	Peter Schread,	Lessing,	Oct. 8, 1903	Jan. 8, 1904
			May 4, 1905	Aug. 20, 1905
51	Sister Phileoma Daniels,	Charity Rebekah,	Oct. 3, 1903	Apr. 4, 1908*
52	H. N. Powell,	Quinnipiac,	Mar. 3, 1904	Jan. 7, 1905
53	Thomas Torgorson,	Pequot,	Mar. 3, 1904	Aug. 26, 1905*
54	Charles Kunzelman,	Pequot,	June 6, 1904	Jan. 1, 1905*
55	Luther G. Tufts,	Relief,	May 8, 1905	Aug. 19, 1907
56	Henry L. Woodworth,	Hartford,	May 15, 1905	Nov. 23, 1911*
57	Mrs. H. L. Woodworth,	Hartford,	May 15, 1905	Apr. 22, 1914
58	Mrs. James J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 12, 1905	Feb. 2, 1910
59	O. M. Brown,	Charter Oak,	Sept. 18, 1905	Nov. 1, 1909
60	Henry A. North,	Pacific,	Dec. 5, 1905	June 2, 1911*
61	Mrs. H. A. North,	Miriam Rebekah,	Dec. 5, 1905	Apr. 1, 1906*
62	Edward S. Rice,	Shetucket,	Jan. 21, 1906	Mar. 20, 1911
63	Marcellus G. Smith,	Pequonnock,	June 4, 1906	May 24, 1909
64	Charles G. Humphrey,	Harmony,	Sept. 5, 1906	Dec. 18, 1906*
65	George F. Jillson,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 13, 1906	May 30, 1909*
66	Mrs. Frances J. Roberts,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 8, 1898	Feb. 22, 1899
			Sept. 17, 1906	Apr. 30, 1913*
67	Robert G. Wotten,	Oronoque,	Sept. 25, 1906	Jan. 16, 1907*
68	George L. Cooke,	Hancock,	Sept. 30, 1906	Apr. 17, 1908*
69	Joseph Jerome,	Pequot,	Oct. 3, 1906	Jan. 3, 1907
			Sept. 8, 1908	Aug. 31, 1909
70	Mrs. Eliza Jerome,	Pequot,	Oct. 3, 1906	Jan. 3, 1907
			Sept. 8, 1908	Apr. 10, 1909*
71	H. B. Lucas,	Hancock,	Oct. 9, 1906	Sept. 13, 1909
72	Levi B. Fairchild,	Samaritan,	Nov. 6, 1906	Feb. 26, 1911*
73	Francis Foster,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 5, 1906	Jan. 11, 1913*
74	James F. Porter,	Arcanum,	June 29, 1907	Feb. 3, 1909
75	Mrs. Imogene Wooster,	Winona Rebekah,	July 11, 1907	Jan. 16, 1909
76	Jordan W. Ritchie,	Charter Oak,	Aug. 21, 1907	Oct. 18, 1909
77	A. N. Clark,	City,	Oct. 2, 1907	Mar. 7, 1910*
78	Eugene R. Marks,	Charter Oak,	Oct. 15, 1907	Dec. 6, 1909
79	W. H. Ingalls,	S. H. Harris,	Jan. 21, 1908	
80	Joseph Hearn,	Montewese,	Feb. 9, 1908	July 3, 1911*
81	Ernest Kessler,	Pequot,	Feb. 16, 1908	Mar. 14, 1910*
82	Horace B. Mix,	City,	Apr. 2, 1908	Apr. 17, 1909*
83	A. C. Joyce,	Samaritan,	June 10, 1908	Jan. 31, 1910*
84	Mrs. Caroline M. Hull,	Our Brothers,	June 16, 1908	Aug. 1, 1911
85	Benjamin T. Nash,	Our Brothers,	June 18, 1908	Sept. 13, 1908
86	John Pfeil,	Beethoven,	June 24, 1908	May 17, 1909
87	Oliver J. Whiting,	Harmony,	Aug. 17, 1908	Aug. 18, 1911*
88	Francis Lawrence,	Harmony,	Aug. 17, 1908	Aug. 1, 1911
89	Charles H. Smith,	City,	Sept. 24, 1908	Oct. 23, 1908
90	George W. Clarkson,	Shetucket,	Oct. 2, 1908	
91	Joseph Wood,	Mohegan,	Nov. 10, 1908	
92	Samuel S. Gawley,	Arcanum,	Nov. 19, 1908	Aug. 19, 1909
93	Michael Schmitz,	Humboldt,	Nov. 27, 1908	July 21, 1909
94	Edgar Martin Beebe,	Harmony,	Dec. 26, 1908	Mar. 27, 1909*
95	William H. Jones,	Our Brothers,	Jan. 9, 1909	
96	John S. Craig,	Summit,	Jan. 11, 1909	Oct. 5, 1911
97	Walton J. Owen,	Uncas,	Jan. 16, 1909	

* Died at the Home.

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
98	Axel Anderson,	Rippowam,	Jan. 19, 1909	Mar. 9, 1909
99	Mrs. Martha Aiken,	Our Brothers,	Feb. 19, 1909	Oct. 22, 1911
100	Clinton J. Ladd,	Shetucket,	Mar. 6, 1909	Jan. 17, 1914
101	John E. Lanphere,	Fairview,	May 13, 1909	June 26, 1909
102	John G. Taylor,	Eureka,	June 28, 1909	July 24, 1911*
103	George W. Craddock,	Oronoque,	Nov. 13, 1909	
104	John D. Balkam,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 20, 1909	May 5, 1911*
105	John E. A. Erbson,	Germania,	Feb. 7, 1910	Sept. 29, 1912*
106	Charles B. Upson,	Pequabock,	Feb. 8, 1910	
107	Samuel T. Scott,	City,	July 2, 1910	Mar. 5, 1914*
108	Samuel S. Gawley,	Arcanum,	July 9, 1910	
109	Milton W. Stebbins,	Townsend,	July 18, 1910	Mar. 21, 1911
110	Frederick Voigt,	Germania,	Sept. 6, 1910	July 16, 1912*
111	Samuel C. Stevens,	Central,	Oct. 18, 1910	
112	George F. Hollis,	City,	Nov. 2, 1910	July 23, 1911
113	Charles Rasenack,	Pequabock,	Feb. 6, 1911	Dec. 17, 1911*
114	Levi Curtis,	City	April 2, 1911	
115	Orlando W. Stratton,	City	May 9, 1911	Feb. 14, 1913
116	George W. Rich,	Shetucket,	July 7, 1911	
117	Sterne D. Fairchild,	City,	Sept. 16, 1911	Jan. 18, 1915*
118	George W. Osborn,	Ousatonic,	Oct. 17, 1911	Nov. 26, 1913
119	Robert W. Beecher,	Harmony,	Aug. 2, 1911	
120	George F. Hollis,	City,	Sept. 16, 1911	
121	John S. Craig,	Summit,	Aug. 5, 1911	Oct. 5, 1911
122	John Ainley,	Uncas,	Dec. 1, 1911	Jan. 3, 1912*
123	Horatio H. Camp	Mohegan	July 2, 1912	Aug. 5, 1912
124	William E. Buxton	Our Brothers	July 19, 1912	May 18, 1913*
125	Samuel J. Platt	Butler	Aug. 31, 1912	
126	Mrs. Samuel J. Platt	Butler	Aug. 31, 1912	April 25, 1913*
127	Orrin B. Howard	Niantic	Nov. 26, 1912	
128	Edward A. Crumb	Uncas	Nov. 26, 1912	
129	Robert A. Stark	Humboldt	Nov. 26, 1912	
130	Eugene F. Weston	Connecticut	Jan. 30, 1913	April 22, 1913
131	William H. Phillips	Our Brothers	April 12, 1913	
132	Henry Leversidge	Clifton	Aug. 19, 1913	
133	Chas. J. Richardson	Naugatuck	Oct. 31, 1913	
134	Wm. J. Kirtland	Meriden Center	Nov. 3, 1913	
135	Wm. B. Aulhorn	City	Dec. 14, 1913	
136	Timothy Flannery	Hancock	Dec. 22, 1913	
137	Orrin Oakley	Pequonnock	Feb. 13, 1914	
138	Gertrude Maria Oakley	Pequonnock	Feb. 13, 1914	
139	Joseph Jerome,	Pequot,	Jan. 19, 1914	
140	Charles A. Scharf,	Quinnipiac,	Mar. 10, 1914	
141	Daniel P. Porter,	City,	Apr. 15, 1914	
142	Fred Rogers,	Phenix,	Apr. 21, 1914	
143	Mrs. A. J. Wheaton,	Phenix,	May 16, 1914	Nov. 22, 1914*
144	Joseph W. Allen,	Accanant,	May 21, 1914	
145	Edward W. Rogers,	S. H. Harris,	June 7, 1914	
146	Whitson Wheeler,	Butler,	Aug. 2, 1914	Dec. 11, 1914
147	Mrs. Caroline M. Hull,	Our Brothers,	Oct. 2, 1914	June 21, 1915*
148	Clinton L. Ladd,	Shetucket,	Oct. 7, 1914	
149	Mrs. Mary J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Nov. 28, 1914	
150	Walter B. Camp,	Naugatuck,	Feb. 4, 1915	

* Died at the Home.

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Grand Master

Robert T. W. Adams.....Naugatuck

Deputy Grand Master

F. Henry Monroe.....New Haven

Grand Warden

George M. Chapman.....Waterbury

Grand Secretary

William S. Hutchison.....New Haven

Grand Treasurer

Sidney W. Challenger.....Bridgeport

Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge

Philip Pond.....New Haven

Henry C. Stevenson.....Bridgeport

Grand Marshal

Harry Hirsch.....Norwich

Grand Conductor

William T. Meyer.....Bridgeport

Grand Guardian

Frank W. Whiton.....Hartford

Grand Chaplain

Rev. Chas. H. Smith.....Barre, Mass.

Grand Herald

Herbert J. Phillips.....Waterbury

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